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## NOTES ON OUR DESK

It should not be lost in the bitter disappointment of the pardon of draft dodgers: the American Legion scored one of its most significant victories in the opening days of the new 95th Congress.

Bowing to a massive protest from the Legion and other veterans organizations, the Senate rejected a plan to abolish the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and relegate veterans issues to a catchall Human Resources Committee.

Senators Allen (AL) and Thurmond (SC) credited Legion pressure as being "decisive."

It was a quiet sort of a battle, waged in the offices and corridors of the Senate office buildings along Constitution Avenue. It wasn't the sort of battle that attracted television cameras or big headlines, but the victory means that veterans will continue to have the full attention and resources of a major Senate committee. They will not have to stand in line, caps in hand, competing with other special interest groups for their hard-earned rights. The reorganization did wipe out Senate committees concerned with postal affairs, aging, small business and civil service.

The successful Legion effort was spearheaded by the National Legislative Division, but it also involved departments, districts and posts and scores of individual Legionnaires who came to Washington to fight the battle. A typical delegation was one from New Jersey. Headed by NECman Frank Sickles and Department Commander Lester Harris, the delegation made a telling presentation to Sen. Harrison Williams.

### Letters to the Editor

SIR: I have asked myself many times why the same 25 or 26 men come so faithfully to monthly meetings of our Utica American Legion Post 229. It is an honor to be with them. They represent *all* those Americans who vote, pay taxes, obey the laws, go to school board meetings and raise their voices generally for better government. I think they come because they like the company of fellow soldiers, sailors, Marines or airmen. They like to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and salute once more the Flag. They like to be a part of constructive projects.

Our Post has some 380 paid-up members, but I never see many of them. The Faithful 26 man the trenches, chair the committees, keep the records and sweep up. One wonders what our Post would be like if all 380 showed up at a meeting, or what America would be like if 95 percent instead of 54 percent of her people voted in Presidential elections.

I think the Faithful 26 come because they like the security that comes in knowing that when "Taps"

### Next Month —Nostalgia

Sixty years ago German submarines were carrying out unrestricted warfare in the Atlantic, imperialist Russia was teetering on the brink of disaster, British and French armies were sagging under the Kaiser's blows and the United States stood on the threshold of World War I.

President Woodrow Wilson took the fateful step on April 6, 1917.

Next month's issue of *The American Legion Magazine* will be devoted to stories of that era in American history, an era that led to the formation of the Legion.

sounds, they will be carried to their rest by true comrades—in life, in battle and in death.

JOSEPH RAY  
Whitesboro, NY

SIR: The Vietnam veteran is being referred to as a "forgotten veteran." The real forgotten veterans are men who served in World War I and whose level of federal benefits is zero!

STEPHEN MADIGAN  
Hamden, CT

SIR: Your December article "Diabetes Can Threaten Your Sight" hit home as I recently became afflicted with diabetic retinopathy. Most diabetics are ignorant of this affliction because it is not widely known. I hope Grail Hanford's article is read by every

diabetic in the United States. It could save many people from going blind.

JAMES C. MILLER  
Napoleon, OH

SIR: Thank you for the magnificent photo of the Washington Cathedral (December) and the accompanying article. Bravo. One of my most profound memories is the great Skinner organ resounding through the cathedral.

DON R. NAUGLE  
Seattle, WA

SIR: Ironically, the recent extension of GI educational benefits from 36 months to 46 months is but another example of how poorly the interests of the Vietnam era veterans are being represented in Congress. Because of the 10-year eligibility limitation, many Vietnam veterans who participated in the early stages of the war are not eligible for the new extension. Is it fair to extend educational benefits for some Vietnam veterans and not for others? Additionally, many whose eligibility has not expired have already completed their college programs. Even though these same veterans may have outstanding educational loans, they will not be reimbursed.

ED COOPER  
Athens, GA

SIR: The nuclear power issue has split the scientific community. Dr. Edward Teller (November issue) is on one side of the fence. But his argument for more nuclear power is less forceful and convincing when he dismisses the opposing viewpoint as nothing more than hysterical protest.

MARK HECKMANN  
Eden, NY

SIR: I am a member of James McKnight Post 66. I read the September article "A Technique for Living" and I practiced the Heimlich technique for choking victims. As a result of your article, I was able to save the life of one of my students who choked while eating in the school lunchroom. He was Stephen Kent, a sixth grader. We want to thank *The American Legion Magazine*.

CECIL C. SMELCER, SR.  
Panama City, FL

SIR: Your November article on Vietnam War records mentioned the battle for Fire Support Base Ripcord. I was involved with 155mm artillery. The article meant something to me. I thought Ripcord was forgotten.

MICHAEL RENNER  
Sigourney, IA

SIR: On a recent visit to Mexico City I followed my father's sugges-

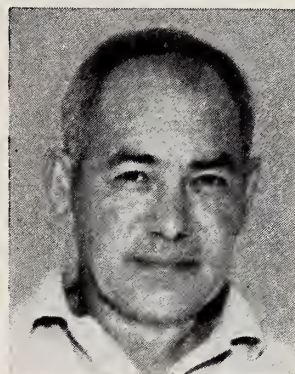
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# when I planned to retire before fifty

this is the business that made it possible

a true story by John B. Haikey

Starting with borrowed money, in just eight years I gained financial security, sold out at a profit and retired.



"Not until I was forty did I make up my mind that I was going to retire before ten years had passed. I knew I couldn't do it on a salary, no matter how good. I knew I couldn't do it working for others. It was perfectly obvious to me that I had to start a business of my own. But that posed a problem. What kind of business? Most of my money was tied up. Temporarily I was broke. But, when I found the business I wanted I was able to start it for a small amount of borrowed money.

"To pyramid this investment into retirement in less than ten years seems like magic, but in my opinion any man in good health who has the same ambition and drive that motivated me, could achieve such a goal. Let me give you a little history.

"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

"I found it. Not right away. I investigated a lot of businesses offered as franchises. I felt that I wanted the guidance of an experienced company—wanted to have the benefit of the plans that had brought success to others, plus the benefit of running my own business under an established name that had national recognition.

"Most of the franchises offered were too costly for me. Temporarily all my capital was frozen in the motel. But I found that the Duraclean franchise

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"So, I started. I took the wonderful training furnished by the company. When I was ready I followed the simple plan outlined in the training. During the first period I did all the service work myself. By doing it myself, I could make much more per hour than I had ever made on a salary. Later, I would hire men, train them, pay them well, and still make an hourly profit on their time that made my idea of retirement possible—I had joined the country club and now I could play golf whenever I wished.

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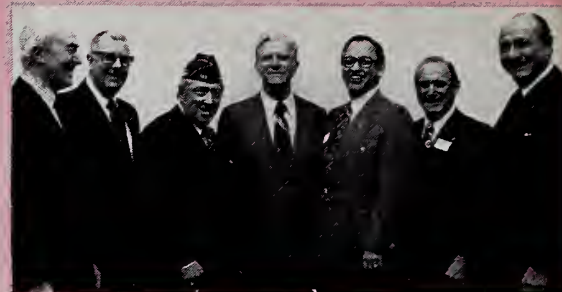
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**W**E WEREN'T SURPRISED, we knew it was coming, but that didn't cushion the shocked, sickening sensation that came with President Carter's pardon of Vietnam era draft dodgers.

The President feels that his action was necessary to bind up the wounds of Vietnam and restore the run-aways to full citizenship. For months we in the American Legion argued that the price was too high. We insisted that each man's motives be judged judicially. We feared that while he was giving comfort to those who refused to serve, he was diminishing the sacrifices of those who answered their country's call to duty.

At our Seattle convention last August when Mr. Carter outlined his plan, Legionnaires rose almost as a man to shout "no, no, no!" For five months, a day did not pass without a protest from the American Legion. After the Nov. 2 election I asked to meet personally with President Carter at Plains, GA, to once again press our view. He declined. We tramped the halls of Congress and more than 100 members joined us in a last minute appeal to reconsider the pardon. As the inaugural approached, thousands of Legionnaires from every state in the Union sent telegrams to Washington and they were delivered to the White House. But less than 24 hours after he took office, President Carter issued his pardon.

Commander Rogers worked hard against the pardon. In top panel (l to r) he is with Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia, Mrs. Charlotte Christian, director of Americans Against Amnesty, and Rep. G. V. Montgomery of Mississippi. Middle (l to r), he meets Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama, Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee, talks to Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Sen. James Allen of Alabama. Bottom, he is shown with Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine and with past national commanders (l to r) William R. Burke, James M. Wagon-seller, Rep. W. C. "Dan" Daniel, Harry G. Wiles, John E. Davis and Erle Cocke Jr.

The pardon is final. The act is done. It cannot be repealed. There is no profit in railings or bitter denunciations. President Carter considered his pledge to the draft dodgers and their families a No. 1 priority. Apparently we *were* able to convince him that the pardon should not extend to deserters. There is some comfort in that.

We in the Legion share the common bond of duty and discipline. The pardon hits at the base of our beliefs. But first we are Americans. Mr. Carter is OUR President. We accept his action. We pray he is right. We fear he acted from a false premise. We are a nation of proud individuals. We demand independence of action. This implies that we also risk the independent judgment of our peers if we err.

The blanket pardon of thousands of men who placed their own interests above their country's call does not erase our contempt for their actions.

Let's go on now to other priorities.

What are we going to do about "blanket" help to honorable veterans who have been unable to find jobs?

What are we going to do about "blanket" benefits to honorable veterans of all wars hurt by inflation?

And what are we going to do about the standards of justice in our all volunteer military force today?

And how will we write Selective Service rules if a future crisis demands America's sons?

Mr. President, the American Legion respectfully urges that these questions also deserve top priority.

*William J. Rogers*

## BOOKS THAT MATTER

**Signal Zero**, by George Kirkham. J. B. Lippincott Co., Pub., New York, NY., 208 pp., \$8.95.

The author, then an assistant professor of criminology who believed it was policemen's personalities that created patterns of police violence and aggressiveness, took a leave from academia for a street beat so that he could study—firsthand—cops, criminals and crime. What he learned about the police, the system and himself is brought together in this myth-shattering, eye-opening, at times very funny book.

**The Man Who Lost China**, by Brian Crozier. Charles Scribner's Sons, Pubs., New York, NY, 399 pp., \$12.95.

It's best to begin this book by knowing that the writer does not wholeheartedly admire his subject, Chiang Kai-shek, because of flaws in Chiang's character which he feels contributed to China's loss to the communists. He does respect him, however, for his abilities, vision, for what he hoped to accomplish in China and in part did, and for his achievements on Taiwan, which Mr. Crozier sees as a microcosm of what China might have been if. . . . If Chiang had been a greater leader, if luck and the cards of international politics had gone his way, if he had not had to contend with another Chinese leader of exceptional ability, Mao Tse-tung, for whom luck and the cards of politics went right.

**A Good Age**, by Alex Comfort. Crown Pubs., Inc., New York, NY, 218 pp., \$9.95.

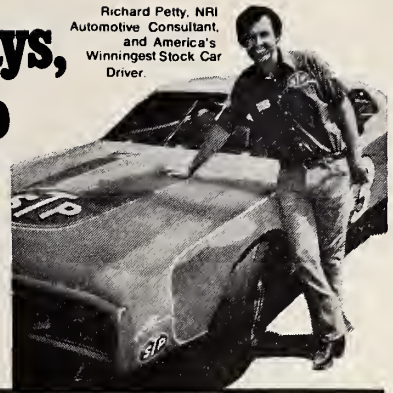
"Unless we are old already, the next 'old' people will be us," the author points out in this book about the process of aging. Hence it would be wise, he advises, to concern ourselves right now with our own attitude and that of others towards the old, since the prize at stake may be our own future well-being.

Citing numerous examples of persons who have lived exceptionally long and exceptional lives, Dr. Comfort, who is probably best known for his books about joyous sex, sees a certain amount of joy in age, too. He attacks depressing, often self-destructing views of old age and sets forth a program of what he calls "self-defense" tactics which he's convinced will keep those of advancing and advanced years from becoming 'old.'

—Grail Hanford

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## ON THE ROLE OF VITAMINS C AND E IN MEDICINE

*A world-famous surgeon tells you how and why  
he uses these two essential vitamins*

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Dr. Ochsner is one of the outstanding international leaders in modern medical progress. Now Emeritus Professor of Surgery at Tulane University School of Medicine, he maintains an active practice at the famed Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans. As a member of our Editorial Board, we have asked him, out of his unique long personal experience with vitamins C and E, to tell you how and why he uses them.

—Richard Stanton

The American public has become very health-conscious which is extremely desirable because most of us, when we arrive in this troubled world, are endowed with the most marvelously efficient mechanism ever devised, and much depends on us whether this mechanism will function properly and last without becoming prematurely obsolete.

No longer is longevity the principal consideration, and rightly so, because the desideratum is healthy and useful life as long as possible. Because of the health-consciousness of the public, people are avid for information concerning their health and factors which may

improve it. It is inconsistent, however, that individuals concerned about remaining healthy and prolonging a useful life, adopt practices which are definitely known to accelerate aging, produce disabling illness, and shorten life. These are the use of tobacco, the abuse of alcohol, and excesses of all kinds.

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# *In Arms the 'MS'*

By CHARLES R. FAGAN

**W**ITHIN the past five years—certainly since the advent of the all-volunteer military—the generals and admirals and their civilian bosses have changed their attitude toward women. Today, the Department of Defense and the services are probably America's number one equal opportunity employer.

For 25 years following the end of World War II, women who had been ferrying aircraft, serving as gunnery instructors, motor pool drivers, etc., during the emergency, were relegated to jobs as secretaries, file clerks and receptionists. Today, however, the military is offering new and expanding job opportunities to women . . . jobs that were held only by men.

With equal pay for equal work, almost any non-combat related job is open to women.

Law enforcement, for example, is becoming increasingly more popular with servicewomen. At Andrews Air Force Base, just outside Washington, DC, there is 21-year-old Sergeant Linda Grinnage. Her father was a military Security Policeman and she had spent most of her life on Air

Force bases throughout the world. She chose her AFSC (Air Force Specialty Code—the Army calls it Military Occupational Specialty or MOS) because she feels it will prepare her for a future which she hopes will be in either criminology or the practice of law.

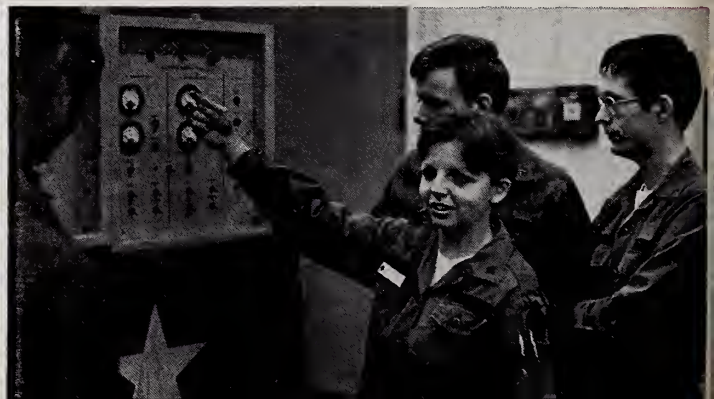
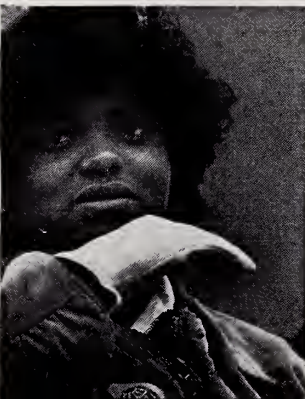
During her three years with the Security Police, Linda has worked in entry-control, traffic-control, patrolling in a squad car and she is currently in charge of issuing arms and ammunition to the Andrews AFB Security Police force. For an attractive woman, traffic control occasionally poses problems.

"There was always some character who'd want to stop and talk, or flirt, or even ask for a date . . . and all the time traffic is lining up behind him," she explained. "Sometimes it became so ridiculous that I'd have to threaten to give them a ticket. That would get them moving."

Next stop—the flight line at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, VA. Airman Robin Castle, a 19-year-old "plane captain," was directing a VH-3 helicopter as it taxied to its assigned space. Robin joined the Navy right out of high school, a little more than a year ago. She



From bottom clockwise: Army Spl. Debra Sylanski instructs class on operation of a generator control panel at Ft. Belvoir, VA; a young lady directs traffic; Sandra C. Irwin awaits her uniform issue at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; a young lady cocks a gun; Nancy Garner of Charleston, IL zips up her suit as she prepares for a dive; S/Sgt. Phyllis Jean Freed renders first aid and assures that patient is resting comfortably at Andrews AFB, MD; a young lady fixes wing prior to takeoff.





# Gains Equality

joined in order to save money for college. Her first assignment out of boot camp was duty as an administrative clerk.

As she placed the chocks around the wheels of the helicopter, Robin said, "I wasn't satisfied for long, especially when I found out what other kinds of jobs were available. I liked the idea of working on the flight line, so I ran around to the squadrons making a pest of myself until a slot opened and I was selected."

Robin's job as plane captain doesn't involve only directing aircraft on the flight line, she also is part of a maintenance team. Her duties include pre-flight mechanical inspections, checking out all of the systems of the aircraft and standing by with a fire extinguisher when the engines are starting. The latter presents problems. Robin weighs 115 pounds—the fire extinguisher weighs about 50 pounds. Another problem: Robin cannot find a pair of safety shoes that will fit. These shoes, with steel toes and ribbed soles, are required for climbing on or around the aircraft for inspection. Robin wears size 3½. The Navy has yet to come up with a pair that small.

As the helicopter was secured,

Adm. Isaac Kidd, supreme allied commander, Atlantic, deplaned with his staff from the 16-passenger, jet-powered helicopter piloted by a 25-year-old native of California, Lt. j.g. Ana Maria Fuqua.

Lieutenant Fuqua's squadron is instantly available in the event of a national emergency, to ferry Admiral Kidd to nearby Langley Air Force Base where he can be transferred to an airborne nuclear and conventional weapons command post. One week out of each month, Ana Maria is on 24-hour alert. She is personnel officer for her squadron, and she flies the Admiral to the Pentagon each week.

A political science major at the Univ. of Calif. at Santa Barbara, Lieutenant Fuqua found limited opportunities on graduation, so she checked into the services. A Navy recruiter noted her private pilot's license and suggested wings. Several other women had preceded Ana Maria through flight school, so she didn't experience discrimination that might have been present in earlier classes. This past July 4th holiday, she was selected to fly Admiral Kidd, former Vice President Rockefeller and former Sec'y of State Henry Kis-

From bottom counter-clockwise: Kathy McWilliams of Houston, TX, sends message from Subic Bay, The Philippines; Ann F. Stencil of Easton, MD, gets haircut at U.S. Naval Academy; Lt. Judith Ann Meuffer, USN, inspects wheel of plane; Navy Journalist Third Class Denise Gast talks on her "Top Forty" record show; Ens. Ana Maria Fuqua makes pre-flight check; Officer Candidate Gail J. Plato of San Mateo, CA, talks on sound-powered telephone; PFC Karen M. Massa tests wiring at Ft. Gordon, GA.



singer from Washington to New York for the Bicentennial "Operation Sail."

Lieutenant Fuqua is married to a Navy pilot who is stationed at the Oceana Air Station, about 10 miles south of Norfolk, VA.

Women pilots aren't exclusively with the Navy. Ft. Rucker in Alabama is the Army's main helicopter training facility. Students also are trained in twin-engine, fixed-wing aircraft. One was Lt. Sally Murphy, the first woman helicopter pilot to be graduated by the Army. On my visit, she was completing her fixed-wing qualification. Sally earned her Masters Degree from Kansas State and joined the Army because she claims she was in a graduate school "slump" and available civilian jobs were uninteresting. Since she was the first woman to enter flight training in the Army, I asked whether she experienced any discrimination.

"Well, being a woman in this business makes for very high visibility," she admitted. "I think initially the instructors were prepared to give me a hard time. Then, when they got to know me and found out that I was serious . . . willing to work . . . and not in it for laughs, their attitude changed. As far as the male students were concerned, as long as I didn't get preferential treatment, I wasn't a threat to them."

I asked Sally if the fact that she was only 5 feet 3 inches tall presented any problems in flying. Sally responded, "When I fly fixed-wing, I have to use two cushions so that I can see over the instrument panel. And when I do my pre-flight inspection in helicopters, I usually have to get on tip-toes so that I can reach the rotors. But, no . . . my size doesn't present any problems that can't be overcome. . . ."

Lieutenant Murphy is scheduled



Janet Kotovsky of Las Cruces, NM, receives an inoculation at Annapolis.

for transfer to Germany where she'll be stationed with her husband who is also an Army pilot.

The dominant feature of the Ft. Rucker landscape is the control tower. In that tower, you're likely to meet Sgt. Katheryn Grigsby, a 26-year-old mother of two, who decided to join the Army about three years ago when her children reached school age. Kathy is an air traffic controller.

"For a 16-year-old high school dropout, I haven't done badly," she says.

That may be the understatement of the year.

True, Kathy dropped out of school at age 16 to get married and raise a family, but since then she has been untiring in her efforts to advance herself and raise the living standard of her family.

Before she was able to join the Army, Kathy had to have completed high school, or its equivalent. Not only did she finish high school, but she is on the way to completing two years of college. During her technical and on-the-job training, Kathy achieved the highest score ever recorded at Ft. Rucker's radar lab. Since then, she has been selected to

represent the Army in the Defense Department's Salute to International Women's Year, a project which included appearances on 16 television programs in 10 U.S. cities. More recently, Kathy was selected as first runner-up in the Army's Air Traffic Controller of the Year competition.

When asked how she felt as a wife and mother holding down a career in the military, Kathy responded, "I just consider myself a working mother, much like any other woman who goes to an office or works in a supermarket. The only difference is I wear combat boots!"

Kathy's husband, a warrant officer and helicopter crew chief at Ft. Rucker, will soon be leaving for an unaccompanied tour to South Korea.

"This is unusual," Kathy told us, "because the Army now tries to keep husbands and wives together as long as their career fields are compatible. The Army calls it their joint domicile program. In our case, I guess the computer goofed!"

But the jobs now open to women in the military are not confined to security or flight operations. Almost 95 percent of all military career fields can be requested. At Ft. Belvoir, VA, I talked with a gas turbine engine repair and maintenance instructor. Michigan-born Debra Sylanski was a meat wrapper and a cashier before deciding that a career in the military might offer some new and different challenges. She chose gas-turbine engines, perhaps the most unlikely field imaginable for a petite 22-year-old. But the measure of her success is the fact that out of a class of nearly all men, she was chosen to be an instructor, a position which is offered only to those with the highest proficiency.

"There were only two women in my class," she said, "and because the instructors weren't used to women in class, it seemed that they paid more attention to us. They answered our questions more patiently, and tried their best to make sure we understood everything about the workings of the engines."

Does the combination of her age, low rank and the fact that she is a woman present problems in performing her duties as an instructor, I asked.

"I'm afraid so," Debra replied. "At least in the beginning. Every time a new class comes in, they seem to doubt my ability and wonder if I know what I'm talking about. For the first week or so, they'll go to a male supervisor for verification. After a while, when they see they're not getting anywhere, they'll settle down and get to business."

## ***There are 577,000 Women Veterans***

There are 577,000 women veterans in the United States, 1.9 percent of the nation's 29.6 million veteran population, the Veterans Administration says. More than half of them served during World War II.

Women who served during the Vietnam era total 135,000 and 75,000 saw service during the Korean conflict. Women who served with the Army and Navy during World War I now total 12,000. Some 57,000 saw service during the Cold War period between the end of the Korean

conflict and the beginning of the Vietnam era.

The Army was the preference of 285,000 women veterans, 174,000 during World War II before the Air Force was established as a separate branch of service. Navy veterans total 169,000. There are 87,000 former Air Force members and 36,000 women veterans of the Marine Corps.

Among women veterans, 447,000 are married and 55,000 are heads of households. There are 110,000 between age 50 and 54.

The reasons for women joining a particular service and selecting a particular occupational specialty are as varied as the jobs available. At the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, VA, I met Lance Corporal Karen Wenzel, a 19-year-old from Little Chute, WI. Karen is an electronics technician.

Karen's father is an electrician. As a hobby, he set up an electronics facility in their basement. Both Karen and her brother became fascinated with their dad's hobby, and found themselves helping to repair radios and television sets for neighbors. Karen's brother is currently studying electronics in school, and when her enlistment is up, the Wenzel family will open an electronics repair business in their home town.



One among many in the Class of 1980 at U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD

Many women are asking for a definition of combat. They wonder why they are excluded from having a berth on a fully-armed aircraft carrier, when it's all right for them to serve aboard an unarmed merchant ship which is considerably more vulnerable. Or why is it considered more dangerous to be a crew member of an airborne tanker or cargo plane, than an administrative clerk who may have been at the airport in Saigon during any number of rocket attacks?

During one of her television interviews connected with the Salute to International Women's Year, Air Traffic Controller Sgt. Kathy Grigsby was asked if she was in favor of women in combat.

"I don't want to go into combat, but then neither does any man that I work with," she replied. "If an emergency arises, though, the men will have to go. People may not be ready for placing women in that position, but you'll have to admit it's unfair." Kathy paused, reflected, and then continued. "It's unfair to the men, and we women will never attain true equality unless we at least have the option. As for me, if my husband has to go, I'd want to go too."

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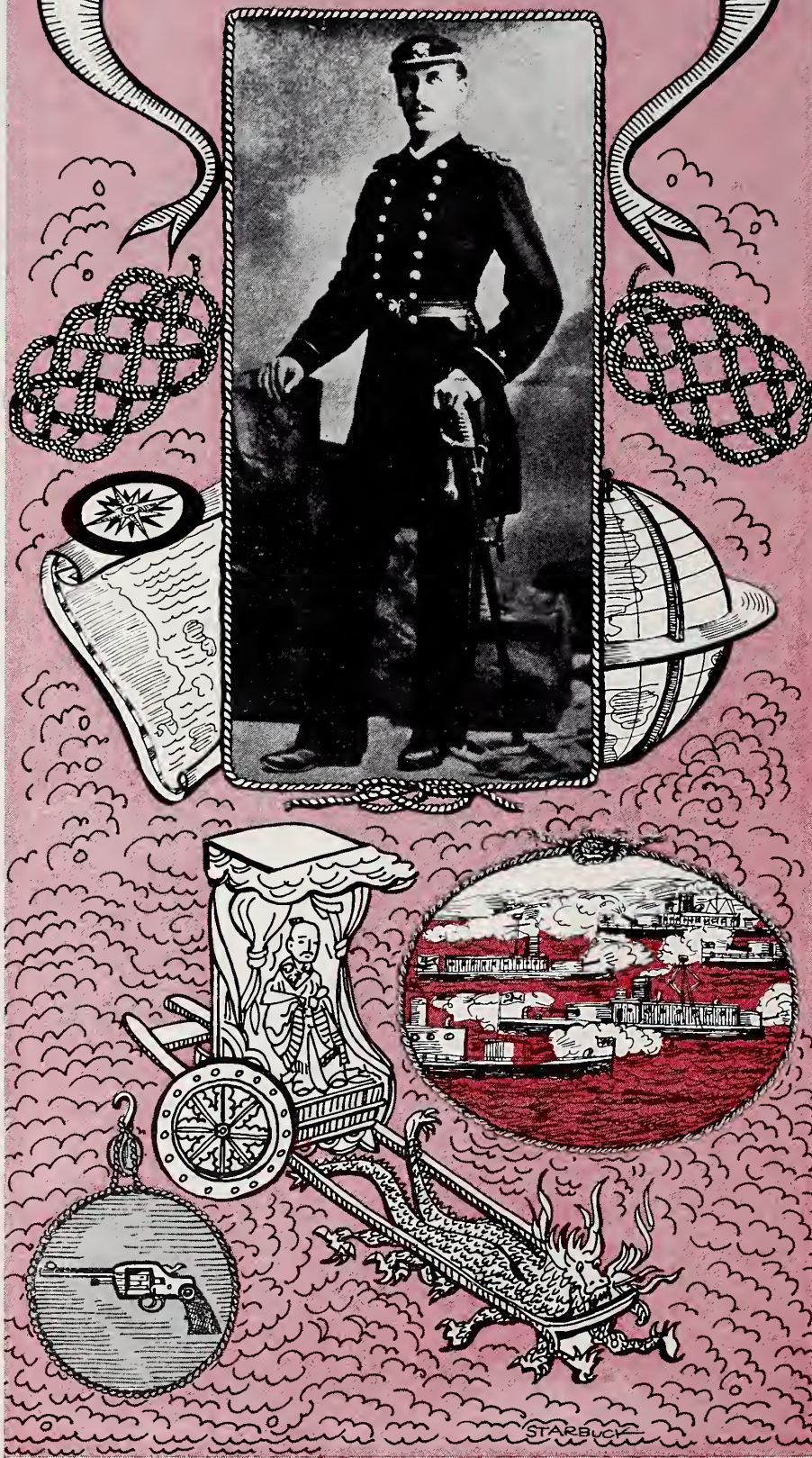
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# Philo Norton McGriffin

## Sailor of Fortune



**P**HILLO NORTON McGRIFFIN—the very cadence has a ring of adventure, exotic lands and heroic deeds. It was the name of an irrepressible Annapolis midshipman who became a hero of the Chinese Empire, lived like a mandarin, and fought the battle that charted to the century naval strategy, only to die alone in a New York hospital at age 36.

Born in 1860 in Washington, PA, Philo spent one year at Washington and Jefferson College in his home town before receiving an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in 1877—a gesture to his father, Col. Norton McGriffin, who had served in the Mexican War and with the 58th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil War.

Volatile seems to be the most accurate—at least the most tactful—way of describing Philo's record at Annapolis. One night he bowled a pyramid of cannonballs from the War of 1812 down the stairway. They bounced and banged and broke through the banisters to drop to the hallway below. No one counterattacked, but McGriffin had left his rear unprotected; an officer caught him and he was confined to the ship *Santee*, which served as the disciplinary barracks. By the end of his punishment, however, he had talked an old sailor named Mike into giving him six charges of gunpowder. At midnight on the eve of July 1, McGriffin held a pre-Fourth of July celebration—a six-gun salute fired on the academy grounds from cannon captured in the Mexican War. It took glaziers a week to restore the shattered windows.

But the next year, 1879, the midshipman distinguished himself with an operations plan for the old square rigged *Constellation*, which was transporting famine relief to Ireland. His plan became established Navy procedure and he won a commendation for it.

He also won a commendation from the Secretary of the Navy when he rescued two children trapped in a flaming house.

In those days the Naval Academy curriculum ran six years—four years at the Academy and two years at sea before commissioning. And the number of midshipmen commissioned was limited to the number of vacancies on ships. Selections were made on the basis of academic standing. McGriffin completed his classroom work in 1882 and was assigned to duty on the *Hartford*, flagship of the Pacific Squadron. However, in 1884 only 12 of the class of about 90 were commissioned. The rest got diplomas and

\$1,000 in severance pay. McGriffin was one of those set adrift.

It was an era when well-trained military professionals could find employment. It was also a time when the great powers were encroaching upon the territory of the Chinese Empire and testing the teetering Manchu Dynasty. In 1884, China and France were waging an undeclared war as France tried to extend her control in Indochina into the provinces of Tonkin and Annam (roughly the equivalent of North Vietnam) that were under the suzerainty of the Chinese. McGriffin decided to offer his services to China. It was a gamble. He had enough money to get there, but not enough to get back home if his services were not accepted.

He reached China in April 1885, just as hostilities ended. (The Treaty of Tientsin was agreed to two months later on June 9, 1885.) In a letter from Tientsin to his mother, McGriffin wrote, ". . . the first thing we heard was—that *peace was declared!* I went back on board ship, and I didn't sleep much—I never was so blue in my life. I knew if they didn't want me I might as well give up the ghost, for I could never get away from China."

He had seen U.S. Vice Consul Pethick, and Li Hung Chang, Viceroy of China and the leader of a reform group that desired diplomatic representatives abroad, Western technology, and strong military forces.

His letter continued: "We got in, and after a while were taken in through corridor after corridor of the Viceroy's palace until we got into the great Li, when we sat down and had tea and tobacco and talked through an interpreter. When it came my turn he asked: 'Why did you come to China?' I said: 'To enter the Chinese service for war.' 'How did you expect to enter?' 'I expect *you* to give me a commission!' 'I have no place to offer you.' 'I think you have—I have come all the way from America to get it.' 'What would you like?' 'I would like to get the new torpedo-boat and go down the Yang-tse-Kiang to the blockading squadron.'

"He thought a little and said: 'I will see what can be done. Will you take \$100 a month for a start?' I said: 'That depends.' (Of course I would take it.) Well, after parley, he said he would put me on the flagship, and if I did well he would promote me. Then he looked at me and said: 'How old are you?' When I told him I was twenty-four I thought he would faint—for in China a man is a boy until he is over thirty.

He said I would *never* do—I was a child. I could not know anything at all."

McGriffin continued to plead his qualifications and finally Li Hung Chang compromised. "I was to pass an examination at the Arsenal at the Naval College, in all branches, and if they passed me I would have a show . . . I reported for examination next day, but was put off—same next day. But to-day I was told to come, and sat down to a stock of foolscap, and had a pretty stiff exam. I am only just through. I had seamanship, gunnery, navigation, nautical astronomy, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, conic sections, curve tracing, differential and integral calculus. I had only three questions out of five to answer in each branch, but in the first three I answered all five. After that I only had time for three,

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## ***Battle of Yalu was first test for armored battle cruisers***

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but at the end he said I need not finish, he was perfectly satisfied. I had done remarkably well, and he would report to the Viceroy tomorrow. He examined my first papers—seamanship—said I was *perfect* in it, so I will get *along*, you need not fear."

He accepted a three-year agreement as professor of seamanship and gunnery and was commissioned a junior lieutenant in the Chinese navy. The appointment included a comfortably furnished house, two servants and a cook—cost \$4 to \$5.50 a month plus their board. The salary was the equivalent of \$1,800 a year.

McGriffin proved to be an excellent officer. He was an effective teacher in the classroom and at sea he conducted practical training in the handling of new armored cruisers, that had been brought from Britain. Almost every Chinese naval officer in the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-95 was his student. He simultaneously served as a consultant on naval shipbuilding and made one trip to England to supervise the construction of four warships. As China's navy grew, so did McGriffin's authority and importance. He attained the rank of commander. Salary increases, various honors, larger houses and more servants followed each other. His annual Thanksgiving dinner for Chi-

nese naval officers, and those of other nations stationed on the China Coast, became one of the social occasions of the year. Officers came from Port Arthur, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Many fasted 24 hours before the dinner to show their appreciation.

McGriffin developed the equivalent of the U.S. Naval War College and at 32 he was appointed its superintendent.

He had been in China ten years when war came. This time the enemy was Japan. The war resulted from the long rivalry between the two countries for control of Korea. The Korean king, I T'ae-wang, had asked China for assistance to suppress an insurrection. China sent several thousand men to Korea and, in accordance with the Convention of Tientsin of 1885, notified Japan of the action. Japan sent twice as many soldiers and occupied Seoul. China suggested that both countries withdraw their troops. Japan insisted on political change inside Korea, and China declared war.

McGriffin was appointed second in command of the battleship *Chen Yuen*, a key assignment and an opportunity to evaluate the doctrines taught at his war college.

On Sept. 17, 1894, the budding Chinese and Japanese navies met in battle off the Yalu River near Port Arthur. Both sides had 12 ships. Five on each side were protected by armor plate. The largest and finest, 7,430 tons each, were the Chinese battleships *Ting Yuen*, flagship of Admiral Ting Ju Chang, and the *Chen Yuen*. The three largest Japanese ships were 4,277 tons each, but in gross tonnage the Japanese force came to 36,000 tons compared to 21,000 for the Chinese. In heavy 7- to 13-inch guns the Chinese had a 22 to 15 advantage but the Japanese were greatly superior in 5- and 6-inch guns—118 against 70 for the Chinese.

Before a decisive shot was fired, the Chinese ships *Tsi Yuen* and *Kwan Chia* broke formation and fled. Two other ships, the *Chao Yung* and the *Yang Wei*, caught fire soon after the fighting started and steered for land. The Chinese were left with eight ships to fight 12 Japanese ships.

Within an hour the captain of the *Chen Yuen* was knocked unconscious and McGriffin assumed command. His ship and the flagship carried the battle to the Japanese who themselves testified that the two ships never lost formation and that time and again McGriffin maneuvered the *Chen Yuen* to shield the *Ting Yuen*. His gunners caused serious damage to the Japanese ships, but after five

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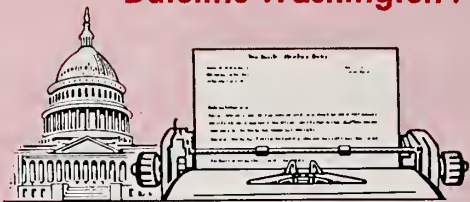
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## Dateline Washington . . .



## HOUSE POLISHING ITS PUBLIC IMAGE. FOREIGN FLAG TANKERS SAFER! DIPLOMATIC SCOFFLAWS UNDER ATTACK.

There is a new look in the House of Representatives sessions this year with the adoption of six recommendations of a task force which literally put the House on a five-day work week. The new, strict schedule, according to the study panel of lawmakers and private citizens, will make it easier for Congressmen to effectively plan their work in Washington and in their home districts.

Gone is the traditional noon meeting of the "Tuesday through Thursday Club" and, in its place, is a staggered daily convening time that will leave more opportunity for committee meetings early in the session, and more time for floor debates and votes late in the session.

The rash of winter tanker accidents and oil spills stirred an outcry against foreign flag carriers—ships primarily Liberian and Panamanian in registry. But a Dept. of Transportation report says that foreign tankers are more modern and safer than those flying the U.S. flag.

The DOT report says that the American fleet averages over 21 years per ship, and is the oldest of all maritime nations, while, for example, the Liberian fleet's average age is just over 10 years. Between 1973 and 1975, a total of 21 U.S. tankers ran aground, as against three flying the Liberian flag. Other statistics for collisions, ramblings and structural failures are equally lopsided.

Noting that tanker traffic is increasing as we import more and more foreign oil, DOT has made a series of recommendations, including the construction of superports in the United States to unload super-tankers, avoiding tanker traffic congestion, and increased surveillance of ships entering U.S. waters. The report also said a common, single language is needed which everyone can understand.

There is a rising tide of anger on Capitol Hill against scofflaws in the diplomatic community. Several members of Congress have introduced bills to repeal a 1790 law which

prohibits private citizens from suing diplomats, and to force diplomats to take out auto liability insurance.

There are some 20,000 diplomats in Washington alone, and there has been an increasing number of accidents and incidents—some resulting in permanent injury and even death—involving diplomats who refuse to make restitution.

One proposal under study would make the U.S. liable for claims against diplomats.

### PEOPLE & QUOTES

#### CARTER OK'S NATO

"Our NATO alliance lies at the heart of the partnership between North America and Western Europe." President Jimmy Carter.

#### WORLD POWER PARITY?

"It's a mixed bag. In some areas we are superior to the Soviets. In other areas they are superior to us. I think there is a general parity between the two nations." Sec'y of State Cyrus R. Vance.

#### WRITER'S APPRAISAL

"We must not make bosses of our intellectuals. And we do them no good by letting them run the arts." Saul Bellow, Nobel Prize Winner for Literature.

#### MINERALS & MEALS

"You can't eat iron ore, and you can't eat phosphate ore, but people don't realize yet that you won't eat unless you have them both." Dr. Thomas V. Falkie, director, U.S. Bureau of Mines.

#### HUMANS IMPRESS

"Every time I visit a program that deals with people, I am struck again and again by how great is human capacity and how open is the frontier of human beings." David Mathews, former HEW Sec'y.

#### EQUAL TO A POINT

"We are equal in the sense that we must all have equal opportunity to compete for the rewards of excellence, not share in its fruits regardless of personal effort or ability." Edward Bennett Williams, Wash., DC trial lawyer.

#### BUSINESS & THE PRESS

"We both live or die by the verdicts of the marketplace. And we both depend on the free flow of information and ideas." Katherine Graham, publisher, Washington Post.

#### CHINA EMULATES USSR

"China today is Russia 20 or 30 years ago. She is following in our footsteps, which are those of totalitarianism." Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky.

#### GOP DEAD!

"My belief is the Republican Party is dead, unless it stands up and erects a set of principles around which people can rally...." Ronald Reagan, former Governor, CA.

#### PART OF THE SYSTEM

"If my life has had any meaning at all, it is that those who start out as outcasts can wind up as being part of the system." HUD Sec'y Patricia Roberts Harris.

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# ***This Irishman Made History***

## **James Shields Dared to Duel Abraham Lincoln, Served Three States as Senator and Beat Stonewall Jackson**

By JAMES E. MYERS

**J**AMES SHIELDS was an Irish immigrant whose restless passage left sometimes a paragraph, occasionally a footnote, but seldom a mention in American history books. Yet he is the only man ever to serve three states as United States Senator. Perhaps he did things too quickly, too well.

In 1823, at age 17, he came to this country to live with an uncle. But his uncle had died. Without friends, short of money, but with a fine education and training in tactics and swordplay, Shields joined the army. For a few years he fought the Seminole in Florida but he saw his future farther west. Working his way to bilingual Kaskaskia, capital of Illinois, his knowledge of French got him a job teaching school there. Competent in Latin and Greek, he was quickly recognized as an outstanding intellect on the Illinois frontier. While teaching, he studied law and soon was practicing it.

He was elected to the General Assembly of Illinois, where he served with Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, the latter to be the most important sponsor and friend in his life. Douglas, too, had "immigrated" to Illinois—from Vermont. Together they built the Democratic Party in Illinois. Abraham Lincoln was always their political antagonist.

Douglas and Shields became inseparable. Together they battled for a friend's election to the U. S. Senate, and won. In the victory celebration, both men, high on a bit of the broth, danced a wild jig atop the banquet table, kicked everything off it and created damages of \$600—which the new Senator assumed. It must have been a whale of a shindig.

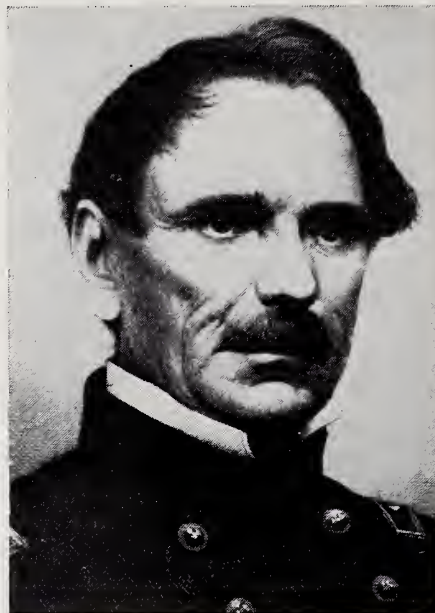
As Douglas moved up the political ladder, Shields moved beside him. It was a time of financial panic in Illinois, brought on by fiscal mismanagement. Douglas had Shields appointed State Auditor to keep the state solvent. He did, but his procedures were so severe that they opened the way for Abraham Lincoln, a Whig, to score points against Shields, a Democrat.

Mr. Lincoln and his sweetheart, Mary Todd, wrote four satirical,

witty, but cutting letters to the editor of the Springfield newspaper. Insulted, Shields felt his political career endangered. It was 1841 and a time of duels, so he challenged Mr. Lincoln to a duel. Lincoln accepted. Notes flew back and forth according to the punctilio of the dueling code.

Terms were agreed upon. The combatants rode to fight in Missouri where dueling was legal. Half of Springfield followed.

Lincoln, as the challenged party, had full choice of terms. He chose



**James Shields**

huge cavalry sabers, much like the axe he could handle so well. He set the boundaries so that they benefited his 6'4" height but disadvantaged Shields, who was 5'9" tall. An experienced swordsman and duelist, Shields knew he could win. Lincoln preferred not to fight, but he couldn't run from it. He took one of the long sabers and reached high above his head to slash from a white oak a sizable limb. Shields saw Lincoln's gesture, understood it as a sign of Shields' own ridiculous disadvantage in height, reach and situation. But Shields wanted a fight.

After hours of bickering, the seconds for both sides declared honor satisfied. Shields refused to accept the verdict. He demanded a fight. Nobody else wanted it and

finally his own seconds left him alone on the field.

After it was over, the two men became personal friends—but there were to be other battles between them, political ones that would be far more deadly to the careers of both men.

When Stephen Douglas was appointed United States Senator he resigned from the Illinois Supreme Court. Shields was first appointed, then elected to replace him. He was only 37, but he had been a soldier, teacher, lawyer, legislator and state auditor.

In 1845, Shields resigned from the Supreme Court to accept appointment in Washington as Commissioner of the General Land Office. It was a coveted job that paid well, one Mr. Lincoln was later to consider for himself. The job brought great power since with it went control of all public lands in the vast, unsettled areas of the United States.

After a year in Washington, the Mexican War erupted. Shields simply could not stay out of it. He resigned his job to fight, was appointed a brigadier general and did a superb job. He was twice wounded, once left for dead. He was brevetted a major-general in a war in which Ulysses S. Grant was a lieutenant, Robert E. Lee, a captain and Jefferson Davis, a colonel.

Shields was now a truly great figure. He returned to Washington to an official reception, then to Illinois to a hero's welcome. He was promptly elected a United States Senator over his incumbent opponent, Senator Breeze.

But Breeze did not take defeat easily. He knew that Shields was short the nine years of citizenship required to serve in the U. S. Senate. Douglas, now a U. S. Senator, though only 33, fought hard to get Shields his seat and pointed out that he himself had been seated as a Congressman while under the constitutional age. But the Senate denied Shields his right to be seated. He returned to Illinois and waited for those few months to pass that would give him the required nine years of citizenship. He then ran again for the office and again won. This time there was no quarrel in Washington.

The next six years in the U. S. Senate shaped the peak of Shields' political career.

Those years saw Stephen A. Douglas become the most powerful Senator, politician and statesman in the nation. He seemed headed for the Presidency. Shields was his chief lieutenant.

But Douglas would need the support of the South. He had married a Mississippian, had no strong abolitionist feeling and the South trusted him.

The North, too, liked his style and, especially, his support of railroad construction that would move northern goods quickly to other states and to seaports. Douglas and Shields believed that slavery would end itself, with time, and that increased trade through better transportation would bring North and South together.

Douglas saw that Shields served on committees essential to his plans. Shields was on the Public Lands Committee which gave the railroads the land they needed. He sat on the Military Affairs Committee which provided military protection to railroads and to settlers on new lands.

Douglas then made a critical miscalculation. It did not hurt him much, but was deadly for Shields.

He drafted and had passed the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, which shattered the Missouri Compromise and the Compromise of 1850, two fences built to contain slavery in the South. Both acts were passed by Congress. Douglas, with the South, held that the compromises took away the constitutional right of citizens to vote whether or not to have slavery in the new territories then seeking statehood.

Shields believed that slavery was unsuited to the geography and temperament of citizens in the new territories. And he did not view the Kansas-Nebraska Act as a move for slavery, but as a guarantee of constitutional rights. Most in the North did not agree.

"I could travel from Boston to Chicago by the light of my own [burning] effigy," Douglas said of the North's reception of the act which, he boasted, "I . . . passed myself."

It was against this turmoil and anti-Douglas feeling that Shields moved for reelection in Illinois. He was opposed by Abraham Lincoln and another candidate. On the first ballot of the General Assembly, then charged with electing U. S. Senators, Mr. Lincoln led Shields but by insufficient ballots to win. Ballot after ballot followed with no winner. Then treachery developed and both Shields and Lincoln lost . . . to the third can-

## St. Patrick's Day Is a Moment To Toast Navy's John Barry

ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, March 17, a small band of Irish-Americans will assemble in Franklin Park in downtown Washington at the statue of Commodore John Barry, Irish hero of the Revolutionary War and the one man who could challenge John Paul Jones' claim as "father of the U.S. Navy." Barry's claim will be reviewed again, no doubt, during ceremonies in front of his statue, along the annual two-block parade to a nearby Irish saloon and many a St. Patrick's Day toast.

James K. McNamara, a member of American Legion Post 272, Belle Harbor, NY, shares his research on his favorite Revolutionary hero:

John Barry was born in Tacumshane, County Wexford, Ireland, from whence came the famous clan of the late President John F. Kennedy. Barry was born in 1745. He came to America at age 13. He joined the merchant marine and at 25 became the captain of one of the finest packet ships.

In 1760, he became a Philadelphia shipmaster and owner and at the outbreak of the Revolution he gave up his merchant ship to join the American cause. In 1776, Barry was appointed by Congress to command the *Lexington*, a 14-gun brig. He

soon fought and captured the British man-of-war *Edward*—the first enemy vessel captured by a commissioned officer of the U.S. Navy.

Barry and his men fought up and down the Atlantic coast, inflicting severe losses on the British. With the frigate *Effingham* and three other ships, Barry captured an enemy schooner in the Delaware River without the loss of a man. He was publicly thanked by Gen. Washington.

When the British occupied Philadelphia late in 1777, Barry, by now a captain, sailed the *Effingham* up the Delaware in an attempt to save the city. The British sank his ship but not Barry. They had offered him a large bribe if he would deliver the ship to them, but the captain scornfully rejected the proposal. "I have devoted myself to the cause of America," he told the British, "and not the value and command of the whole British fleet can seduce me from it."

Barry next took command of the 32-gun *Raleigh* but British cruisers forced him to run her aground.

In 1781, commanding the *Alliance*, Barry took many valuable prizes. He was seriously wounded in an engagement with the British warships *Atlanta* and *Trepassy*, but he captured both vessels. (He carried the Marquis de Lafayette to France aboard the *Alliance*.)

In 1794, Barry became the first American naval officer to attain the rank of commodore. He directed the building of the frigate *United States* and then assumed command of that proud flagship of the U.S. Navy. When Barry died in Philadelphia Sept. 13, 1803, he was senior officer in the Navy.



didate, Lyman Trumbull, an anti-Douglas Democrat.

"The anti-Nebraska feeling is too deep—more than I thought it was," Shields moaned. Douglas blamed the defeat on Shields' foreign birth, his Irish-Catholic background.

Mr. Lincoln lamented his own defeat but took some solace that Douglas was "worse-whipped" than he.

Shields found no solace at all. Disgusted with Illinois politics, he moved to the Territory of Minnesota, where he owned and operated a farm. He created a new town named Shieldsville; was one of the original

founders of present-day Faribault and again was appointed a U. S. Senator.

But he was not reelected. He moved to California, married, practiced law and, of course, politics.

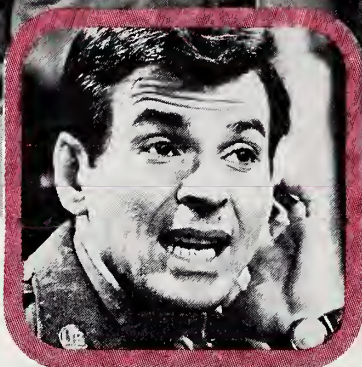
Yet life in California proved dull and he accepted a job as supervisor of a gold mine in Mazatlan, Mexico. Hardly had his family settled there when America's Civil War exploded. At once Shields offered his services to President Lincoln, who appointed him a brigadier general.

Again he fought well, gaining distinction as the only officer to force

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# GI's Keep Britain Laughing - Via TV



Arriving in darkest Lancashire, top photo, left to right: Pfc Burford Pucket (Richard Oldfield); Colonel Kruger (Alan McNaughtan); Corporal "Brooklyn" Rossi (Stuart Damon); Sergeant Pulaski (Bruce Boa). Insets, left to right: Stuart

Damon, a former Broadway actor, plays the ebullient Corporal "Brooklyn" Rossi; Romance blossoms between Pucket and Phoebe's daughter, Doreen, played by Catherine Neilson; Meg Johnson plays Phoebe Sankey, landlady of the local pub.

## Manchester, England

**O**N A COLD January morning in 1942, a G.I. named Milburn H. Henke stepped from a ship's gangplank in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to a welcome that might have been laid on for President Roosevelt. A band played and top brass from Britain's army, navy and air force, together with a real live duke, stepped forward to shake him by the hand.

The youngster from Hutchinson, MI, was the first American soldier to arrive in the United Kingdom. Soon there were G.I.'s everywhere, as numerous as bobbies on the beat—larger-than-life figures who talked like Gary Cooper and zoomed round at frightening speeds in weird contraptions they called jeeps.

Their impact on the British was enormous. In no time we kids were aping their accents and their games—several baseball leagues flourish to this day—and the plaintive cry "Got any gum, chum?" rang throughout the land.

Some of us, happily, even learned

to imitate their good manners. Standing up when a lady entered the room and opening the door when she went out were not customs widely practiced by the British working class.

And they broadened our horizons in others ways. Britain is full of racial hues today; immigrants from many Commonwealth countries have settled in our island. Yet the first people of other races many of us ever met were not Pakistanis or West Indians, but servicemen from the United States.

Nobody who was young during World War II ever forgot the G.I. To a whole generation of war-torn, ration-starved British, he was the American dream come to life.

Of course we over-glamorized him, and naturally he played up to us. Ordinary, quiet boys frequently acted as though they *were* Gary Cooper simply because we expected it. And not all was sweetness and light: there were resentments, jealousies, misunderstandings.

"Oversexed, overpaid, over here" neatly summed up the less friendly

feelings of some Britons towards their allies.

All the same, when they went home we missed them sorely. Life in Britain was never quite the same.

Now the G.I.'s have returned—not in the flesh, but on British television screens.

"Yanks Go Home" is a comedy show; despite its unfriendly title, it paints an affectionate picture of a small group of G.I.'s posted to a tiny Lancashire village to prepare for a giant base.

It deals frankly with Anglo-American tensions—indeed, it draws much of its humor from them. As their train nears its destination, Col. Kruger tells his men: "We're here to help these Limey bums pick themselves up off the floor."

"Begging your pardon, Sir," interrupts Sgt. Pulaski, holding up the G.I.'s handbook. "Not Limey bums. The phrase is 'our English allies.'"

If the show is candid about Yankee faults, it is no less so about those of the hosts. After a pompous wel-

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# Veterans Newsletter



**LEGION TO CONDUCT CHESS PROGRAM:** The American Legion has accepted a grant of funds from American Chess Foundation for planning, promoting and conducting the annual Armed Forces Chess Championship Tournament in 1977, 1978 and 1979...American Chess Foundation executive Sidney Wallach of New

York presented a \$7,500 check to National Vice Commander Thomas B. Coll for the tournament and other chess projects under Legion auspices...



The 18th annual Armed Forces title tournament will be held in Washington, D.C. Oct. 19-26... Anyone interested in American Legion Chess at national, state or post levels should write to James C. Watkins, Director, Public Relations, The American Legion, 1608 "K" St., Washington, D.C. 20006.

**SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE IF LEAVE FOR SERVICE TIME AFFECTS PENSIONS:** Lower courts disagree, so Supreme Court will decide if returning veterans get credit for time in military service when computing retirement pension benefits...Justice Department filed memorandum in support of veterans and asked the high court to hear the case...As more WW II veterans reach retirement age, the question is of "great importance to veterans, employers, labor unions and pension plan administrators," the government stated.

**DISABLED VETS GET GRANT:** A federal grant of \$320,000 has been approved for service-connected disabled veterans in two Illinois counties, according to Austin E. Kerby, national director for Economics...Paul L. Balaich, assistant Illinois veterans employment representative told Kerby that Madison and Bond counties will receive a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) grant to fund a "highly innovative" program to serve service-connected disabled veterans.

**VA'S DR. YALOW WINS LASKER AWARD:** Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow, senior medical investigator at Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, NY, received the 1976 Albert Lasker Award for Basic Research...Dr. Yalow was the only federal employee to receive a Lasker Award this year and first woman to be honored with such an award in basic sci-

ence...She was recognized for 1960 discovery, with late Dr. Solomon A. Berson of the Bronx VA Hospital, of technique of radioimmunoassay, and many other research achievements...Radioimmunoassay is procedure combining techniques of clear medicine and immunology to measure concentration of minute amounts of biological substances such as hormones or antibodies.

**WELFARE FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS DEADLINE MARCH 31:** Applications for grants from The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation are now being received in the Foundation office, National Headquarters, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46206...Grants will be given only to non-profit organizations seeking to (1) add to man's knowledge of children and youth through the support of research--medical or social; or (2) make more effective use through wider distribution of existing knowledge on children and youth...Application forms, available from the Foundation office, must be received not later than March 31, 1977.

**LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER PRESENTS U.S. BREWERS ASSOCIATION CHECK TO USO PRESIDENT:** National Commander William J. Rogers presented check for \$8700 to General Michael Davison, USA (Ret.), President of the USO, on behalf of U.S. Brewers Association...Money will be used by USO during



coming year...Occasion was The American Legion's "Salute to Heroes" banquet in honor of living Medal of Honor Winners, prior to Veterans Inaugural Party in nation's capital. Viewing check presentation is General Louis H. Wilson (left), Commandant of the Marine Corps. Rogers is a vice-president of U.S. Brewers Assoc., and a member of USO Board of Directors.

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Opposing Views by Congressmen on The Question . . .

# Should Cigarettes Be Taxed

**I**n 1976, an estimated 84,000 Americans died of lung cancer, and about 80 percent of those deaths were caused by cigarette smoking. If this information shocks you, consider the following: Americans consume over 600 billion cigarettes each year. Cigarette smokers have 70 percent more heart attacks than non-smokers, are 10 times more likely to die from lung cancer, are six to 15 times more likely to die from chronic bronchitis and emphysema, and are much more likely to develop many other diseases. This year alone, one-quarter to one-half million Americans will die of smoking-related diseases, and the death toll will continue to rise unless something is done—and done quickly.

The causal relationship between smoking and heart disease, lung disease and cancer are well-documented and widely accepted. Despite this recognition, the health problem due to cigarette smoking has reached crisis proportion. During recent hearings held by the Senate Health Subcommittee, a number of Nobel prize-winning scientists and our nation's leading physicians and researchers testified that high tar and nicotine cigarettes are the leading preventable cause of illness and early death in the United States. These experts suggested that in order to reduce the hazard posed by cigarettes and alter smoking patterns, we must stop focusing our efforts on diminishing the total consumption of cigarettes and concentrate instead on reducing the harmfulness of what is smoked.

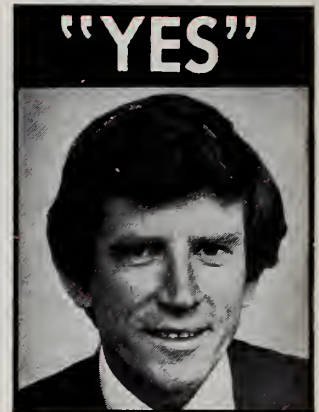
That is the goal of an approach I have proposed—a federal cigarette tax based on tar and nicotine content.

A graduated tax on tar and nicotine would encourage smokers to consider the additional risks of highly toxic cigarettes and would provide an incentive for smokers to switch to "less hazardous"

brands. Many prestigious health organizations, including the National Cancer Advisory Board, the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association and the National Kidney Foundation strongly support this approach.

The disease and disability resulting from smoking costs the federal

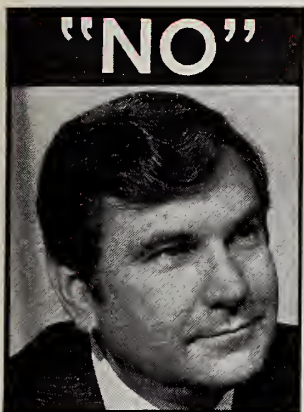
government somewhere between \$11.5 million and \$30 million annually. While we invest billions of dollars each year in biomedical research in the attempt to cure diseases whose causes we do not understand, we hardly can afford not to do something to prevent diseases for which we do know the cause. A tar and nicotine "health" tax is a necessary, reasonable and realistic step toward improving public health and saving millions of Americans from needless pain and suffering.



Sen. Gary Hart  
(D-CO)

**If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this**

# By Tar And Nicotine Content?



Sen. Walter D. Huddleston  
(D-KY)

this proposal would be a regressive tax against citizens whose smoking habits and preferences are not to the liking of the legislation advocates. And since there are some 145 brands, the discriminatory tax on the citizen's preferred brand would differ by as much as 50 cents per pack.

If we are going to tax products on the basis of the degree of their alleged hazard to health of the user, why not place a like tax on food products containing additives or cholesterol-forming ingredients? Why not tax toys on the basis of safeness? Clothing, on the basis of flammability? Candy, on the basis of stimulating tooth decay? Why single out cigarettes?

Without question, this proposal would create "big brotherism" at its worst, but if that's what the proponents want, again, why single out cigarettes?

For the 600,000 farm families whose livelihood depends on growing tobacco, this proposal would be devastating. Tobacco is normally the fourth or fifth most valuable crop produced in this country

I find three major objections to this proposal: (1) it would be discriminatory against certain individuals and certain brands, (2) it could be potentially harmful to thousands of small farmers, (3) it is a smokescreen for the proponents' real objective, to stop smoking altogether.

For the 55 million smokers in the United States,

and accounts for four percent of cash receipts received by farmers. In Kentucky alone there are 14,000 burley-tobacco farmers, most of whom till less than five acres, and tobacco for most of them is the only cash crop they have.

Do we want to drive these small farmers off their farms and into the big urban areas and onto the welfare rolls?

The true objective of this legislation is to tax smoking out of existence, and never mind the more than \$6 billion revenue in tobacco taxes which annually accrue to the federal, state and local governments. And how will these taxes, which bring \$2.5 billion in federal revenues, \$3.5 billion in state revenues and \$105 million in local revenues, be replaced?

Instead of a repressive and regressive tax on tobacco, we need to concentrate on research to make cigarettes absolutely safe to smoke.

It seems far wiser to me to concentrate our efforts on research to eliminate the potentially harmful effects of tobacco rather than seek to ban its use through taxation. A great deal of research in this area is already being conducted, some of it by the U. of Kentucky. I am confident that with sufficient support we can come up with the answers we need.



I have read in The American Legion Magazine for March the arguments in PRO & CON: "Should Cigarettes Be Taxed By Tar And Nicotine Content?"

IN MY OPINION THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS:

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Off The Highway

# Natchez and Its Trace of History

IT'S A 500-mile long museum through Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The French called it a *trace*—meaning “a line of footprints.”

Today, a meandering two-lane highway three-fourths completed follows closely the original Indian trail to the “big stream,” the Mississippi River.

Why is it important?

The Natchez Trace was a main by-way homeward for those who traveled down the Mississippi by boat in the 18th and early 19th centuries. They had to walk back. It took about three weeks to walk the trail. Now one can drive it in a day.

Almost everyone who traveled the region from 1541 to the early 1800's placed their footprints on this land. Famous people like DeSoto, LaSalle, Aaron Burr, Meriwether Lewis, Andrew Jackson, Chickasaw, Choctaw, the Natchez Indians, as well as common folk pioneers, hunters, mail carriers, cavalry and sailors; and “Kaintuck” boatmen walked this trail.

The boatmen could not pole their barges back up the Mississippi against the current, so after selling their goods, they sold or scrapped their barges for firewood and set out for the Trace. They often carried large sums of money and were easy prey for hoodlums and outlaws. Old stories tell of Mason, Hare and Wile “Little” Harpe, and other notable thieves who haunted the Trace.

The name Natchez goes back to the Natchez Indians whom the French in 1730 sent into slavery and exile. Few remain who claim Natchez blood and even fewer speak the language. Today's motorist can start the Trace at the Tupelo, MS, Parkway Headquarters and Visitors Center. (Tupelo is the birthplace of Elvis Presley.) A movie “Path of an Empire” and craft demonstrations and exhibits unfold chapters in regional American history.

Tishomingo State Park is next with its picturesque swaying bridge and intriguing rock formations. In some places the Trace is worn 10 feet deep and high banks frame the trail. Near Plora, 20 miles from Jackson and just off U.S. 49, is the Petrified Forest of Mississippi. Stone trees are estimated to be over 30 million years old.

At Vicksburg you can visit the “genuine retired river boat,” one of

## NATCHEZ TRACE

THIS PLAINLY VISIBLE, THOUGH LONG DESERTED ROAD IS A SECTION OF THE NATCHEZ TRACE, EVOLVED FROM BUFFALO AND INDIAN TRAILS, INTO THE FIRST NATIONAL HIGHWAY OF THE SOUTH-WEST, CUT AND OPENED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AFTER TREATIES NEGOTIATED WITH THE CHICKASAW AND THE CHOCTAW INDIANS, IN 1801.

DESIGNED TO MEET EARLY NECESSITIES OF TRADE BETWEEN NASHVILLE AND THE COUNTRY OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI, IT IS AN ABIDING FOOTPRINT OF THE BOLD, CRUDE COMMERCE OF THE PIONEERS; YET IT IS NOT WITHOUT MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. OVER IT PASSED A PART OF ANDREW JACKSON'S ARMY IN HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CREEK INDIANS IN 1813, AND AGAIN ON HIS RETURN FROM THE BATTLE FIELD OF NEW ORLEANS IN 1815.

BUT, BEFORE TALLEDEGA AND NEW ORLEANS—BEFORE THE SOLDIERS OF JACKSON HAD GIVEN RENOWN TO THE NATCHEZ TRACE, IT RECEIVED ITS IMMORTAL TOUCH OF MELANCHOLY FAME WHEN MERIWETHER LEWIS, JOURNEYING OVER IT ON HIS WAY TO PHILADELPHIA, TO EDIT THE STORY OF HIS GREAT EXPEDITION, HERE MET HIS UNTIMELY DEATH ON THE NIGHT OF OCT. 11, 1809.



Park Service employee demonstrates cedar shingle splitting technique

the largest to ply the Mississippi in her heyday. At Port Gibson, an antebellum town that General Grant felt was "too beautiful to burn," people know which way to heaven because the First Presbyterian Church steeple is a hand with forefinger pointing heavenward. It has been a famous landmark since 1859. Here, too, are the ruins of Windsor—a once fashionable four-story mansion built by 500 slaves in 1860 and destroyed by fire 30 years later. Mark Twain and other river pilots used it as a navigational marker.

And then the town of Natchez, second only to St. Augustine, FL, in age. Natchez takes great pride in its history as recorded in giant old homes. Over 50 have been restored and opened to the public. There's "Goat Castle," "Nutt's Folly," "Rosalie," and "Hawthorne" that once welcomed stagecoaches and now opens its doors to motorized Trace travelers. The "Kings Inn" received the first mail delivered in Natchez by Indian runner over the Trace trail.

To the weary, footsore traveler of the Trace, Natchez must have been like a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Today, it is southern charm at the end of the longest museum in the U.S.A. *H. Warner Hedgecoth*

### Did You Know?

Veterans and service members may receive full GI Bill benefits while training for a high school diploma without depletion of their basic GI Bill entitlement.

## Military Drops Undesirable Discharge

"Undesirable Discharge Certificate" (DD Form 258) will no longer be issued to individuals being separated from the Armed Forces, according to the Defense Department. Starting the first of this year, members of the military services administratively separated for misconduct or security reasons, or who resign or request discharge for the good of the service when their conduct has made them subject to trial by court-martial, will be issued a "Discharge Under Other Than Honorable Conditions" certificate. This certificate (DD Form 794) has been used in the case of military officers since October 1954.

No change is being made in Hon-

orable, General, Dishonorable and Bad Conduct discharges. Commencing in June 1977, former military personnel with Undesirable Discharge Certificates can apply to their former service for issuance of the new certificate. Meanwhile, Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D-FL) has introduced a bill to curtail use of "other than honorable" discharges.

Cong. Bennett, a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, claims the administrative discharge is being used to discipline service people and says the administrative discharge system is not authorized by statute and that a lifetime stigma results from an other than honorable discharge.

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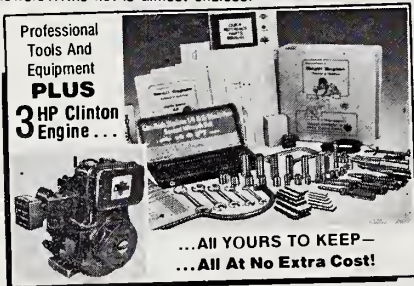
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hours of uninterrupted fighting, during which the *Chen Yuen* was on fire eight times, the ships of both navies were battered. The Chinese, with their ammunition almost expended and with many casualties, withdrew toward Port Arthur. The Japanese turned and steamed southward.

The battle was the first one between armored steel ships. All the navies were building them, but the tactics for fighting them were theoretical. Though beaten, damaged and on fire, the *Chen Yuen* and *Ting Yuen* limped back to port to prove the toughness of steel fighting ships.

The battleships of World War I, bigger, heavier, boasting more firepower, followed.

The Battle of the Yalu River was sandwiched between two decisive Japanese victories on land, and the Treaty of Shimoneseiki was concluded April 17, 1895. This treaty recognized the independence of Korea but in effect gave Japan control of the country. China also conceded Formosa to Japan and agreed to an indemnity of 200,000,000 teals (\$7,580,000). The defeat awakened educated Chinese to the need for reforms and eventually led to the republican revolution of Sun Yat-sen. The victory established Japan as a power and was followed up with her victory in the 1905 Russo-Japanese War.

Consider the portent of the events McGriffin experienced.

He went to China during troubles in Vietnam. He witnessed the beginning of Japan's expansionism which culminated in Pearl Harbor. He saw Korea caught in conflict between rival powers; reforms that led to successive revolutions in China, the role of Formosa.

Philo McGriffin was seriously wounded at the Yalu by steel splinters, as well as being badly burned. A photograph shows his trousers torn in shreds from belt to cuffs by the concussions. And his eyesight was impaired. After a short stay in the hospital and still in poor condition, he came out to check on the repairs of the battered ships, only to find that practically nothing was being done. He was even more disturbed to discover that the wounded Chinese sailors were receiving little attention. But his most bitter disappointment was the court-martialing of his friend and commanding officer Admiral Ting Ju Chang. This injustice, plus poor health, caused him to resign and return to the United States.

For two years he spent his time in and out of hospitals in New York. Though his letters were cheerful and optimistic, it's obvious he experienced

severe pain and emotional strain. Doctors recommended removing a section of his skull to cut a nerve in the brain for his pain. Preparing an account of the Battle of the Yalu River for *Century Magazine*, he wrote that he was having difficulty because he couldn't see what he was writing.

In his article he paid tribute to his friend Admiral Ting:

"Chief among those who have died for their country is Admiral Ting Ju Chang, a gallant soldier and true gentleman. Betrayed by his countrymen, fighting against odds, almost his last official act was to stipulate for the lives of his officers and men. His own he scorned to save, well knowing that his ungrateful country would prove less merciful than his honorable foe. Bitter, indeed, must have been the reflections of the old, wounded hero, in that midnight hour, as he drank the poisoned cup that was to give him rest."

The tribute was prophetic.

Alone in his hospital room on Feb. 11, 1897, McGriffin took his service revolver from his despatch box. The gunshot brought nurses and attendants running to his bedside, but Philo Norton McGriffin's pain had ended. His eyes bothered him no more. The complete officer to the end, he had left a note cautioning the nurse to put out any fire the shot may have started and apologizing for the trouble he was causing.

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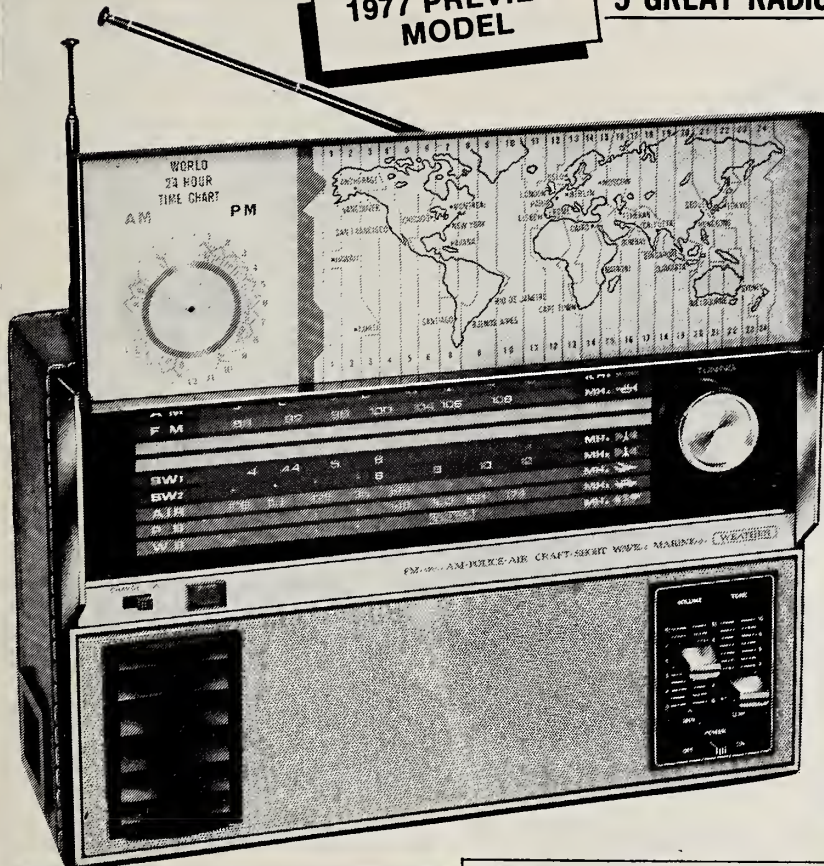
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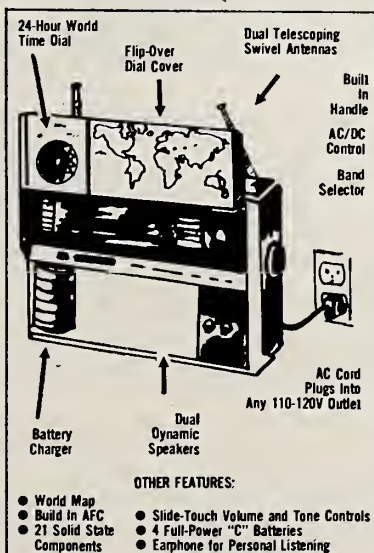
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## Pardon Provokes Strong Protest from Veterans

Less than 24 hours after taking office, President Carter issued a proclamation granting a general pardon for Vietnam draft evaders.

Major veterans organizations were dismayed and disappointed by the President's action.

National Commander William J. Rogers of The American Legion said: "We believe this action will be divisive. The American Legion deeply regrets and protests" the Carter proclamation. (A full discussion of the pardon and The American Legion's position appear in the "Commander's Message" on Page 4 of this issue.)

Michael Schlee, staff director of the Legion's National Security and Foreign Affairs Division, added:

"Personally, I'm upset at the timing. There are a lot of other priorities in this country and this one deals with relatively small numbers. We feel this action, rather than provide the desired healing effect, will prove divisive."

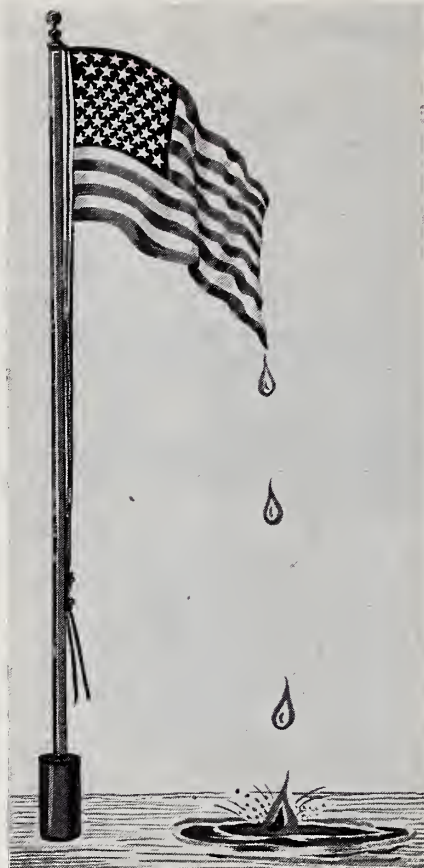
The two page proclamation signed by President Carter gave Vietnam draft evaders a "full, complete and unconditional" pardon.

As a candidate, Mr. Carter unfolded his plan for a general pardon during his appearance at The American Legion's 58th National Convention in Seattle last August. His proposal brought a thunderclap of "No, no, no" from the convention delegates.

The White House said the issue of deserters and those who received less-than-honorable discharges will be the object of a study to be made later.

Those draft evaders who fled to Canada, Sweden and other countries now are free to return to the United States under the President's pardon, provided they had not engaged in violence or had violated draft laws while employed by Selective Service System.

As one of his last official acts, President Gerald Ford ordered Defense Department to review, case-by-case, the discharge of certain Vietnam veterans who deserted and later participated in the clemency program. The discharge upgrading program may affect some 700 veterans who were either wounded in combat or decorated for valor. Upgrading to either "General" or "Honorable" will open GI benefits for those affected.



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## Senate Vets Committee Saved, Legion Credited

The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs (SCVA) will be retained as a full standing committee thanks to the efforts of The American Legion and other veteran's groups.

Thousands of veterans rallied to protest a reorganization plan proposed by the special study committee headed by Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson (D-IL). It had recommended the Veterans Committee be relegated to sub-committee status under the Human Resources Committee.

American Legion Commander William J. Rogers had earlier sent telegrams to all members of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee reemphasizing the position of The American Legion and urging them to "retain SCVA in its present form and oppose any recommendations that would have the effect of reducing the Senate's recognition and identification of veterans' problems."

The motion to retain the committee as a separate unit was approved by voice vote when introduced by Sen. James B. Allen (D-AL).

Learning of the committee decision, Rogers notified all Senators of the importance of their "continued responsiveness to the needs of veterans" in supporting the resolution.

The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs will retain oversight of veterans housing with the legislative responsibility being absorbed by the Senate Banking Committee.

## Legion Salutes Medal of Honor Winners In Premier Veterans Event at Inaugural

The American Legion played host to more than 200 Medal of Honor winners in the veterans' highlight of the inauguration of President Carter.

The holders of the Nation's highest award for gallantry, and their wives, were invited to the Inaugural by Carter's Veterans Inaugural Committee, headed by Past National Commander Erle Cocke, Jr., (1950-51) of Georgia.

The Legion sponsored an Inaugural Night dinner for the heroes and representatives of other national veterans organizations. Vice President Walter F. Mondale, making his first speech in his new capacity, called the dinner gathering "the most distinguished group of Americans ever gathered in one room."

National Commander William J.



Vice President Mondale and Mrs. Mondale

Rogers of Maine and National Adjutant William Hauck represented the Legion. Past national commanders James Wagoner of Ohio (1974-75), and Harry Wiles of Kansas (1975-76) participated in Democratic party inaugural activities.

## "Old Tiger" Kisicki Is March Legionnaire

Clements (Clem) Kisicki, Post 267, La Habra, CA, is March Legionnaire of the Month. Past post commander of two posts, Clem, 80, (known by his



Now . . . and Then

comrades as the "Old Tiger") is currently sergeant-at-arms, co-chairman of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, parade marshal for Memorial Day services, member of police and fireman of the year committee, active member of the color guard, oratorical, baseball and Americanism committees.

A veteran of both World Wars, he moved to California 15 years ago from Omaha, NE, where he was commander of Post 331. In Omaha, he was chair-

man of Salvation Army's Battle of the Pots, proud holder of a 1000-hour pin for volunteer hospital work, member of the Drum and Bugle Corps, and official post bugler. He is still remembered in Omaha for his observance of Memorial Day, making white crosses and placing them, along with a small American flag, on a symbolic grave in his own yard for every veteran over whom he played taps that year.

After moving to La Habra, Clem

served his new community as a school crossing guard, a job from which he has just retired.

"I'm getting too old and better retire to fixing bicycles and toys for kids," explains Kisicki. For years he has been fixing up toys and distributing them free of charge to institutions and needy individuals.

A Legionnaire since 1940, Clem has been honored by both the Omaha and La Habra posts with life memberships.

## Research Identifies Cause of Mystery Disease

The Federal Center for Disease Control at Atlanta, GA has identified an hitherto unknown bacterium as the cause of death of 29 persons infected during the Pennsylvania Department of The American Legion convention in Philadelphia last July.

Dr. David Sencer, Director of the FCDC, reported that while the isolation of the bacterium represents a major step forward in attempts to solve the Philadelphia mystery, scientists still do not know where the bacterium came from, why it appeared at the Convention, how it infected victims and how it was spread.

The scientists likened the Philadelphia mystery killer to an organism that might have been responsible for an un-

known type of pneumonia that struck and killed eight persons at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. in 1966.

Dr. Sencer said that with the discovery of the bacterium, scientists at least know what they are looking for. This discovery discounted theories and speculation that the Philadelphia outbreak was caused by mass poisoning by nickel carbonyl, that it had something to do with cigarette smoking, or that it was the result of some bizarre germ warfare plot.

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# Legion Works to Protect Benefits for Veterans

Inside The American Legion, "Economics" means the employment of veterans and the protection of their benefits against inflation, disinterest and neglect.



Austin Kerby

With this resolve and by direction of the National Economic Commission, The American Legion will focus on four priorities on behalf of veterans during the first session of the new 95th Congress:

1. Increasing employment of veterans in both the private and public sectors.
2. Retention of veterans preference in federal employment.
3. Increasing support of American agriculture.
4. Solving the energy problem.

These Legion economic goals are based on resolutions adopted at the 1976 National Convention and by the October, 1976, National Executive Committee meeting. They are mandates.

The Legion's effort during 1976 enabled veterans to achieve long-sought economic goals in the fields of housing and employment, not to mention medical and health services, with the cooperation of the 94th Congress.

But spurring new pressure by the National Economic Commission and the Legion's Economics Division is the failure of the U.S. Department of Labor to put into action Legion-supported legislation to assist jobless veterans in obtaining employment and job training opportunities. This was clearly the intent of Congress, says Austin Kerby, Director of the Economics Division.

"In its 1977 economics legislative program, the Legion intends to place special emphasis on the needs of large numbers of unemployed Vietnam era veterans," Kerby said in an interview.

"The Legion regards these young Americans as the cream of the crop in the United States, who should receive first consideration for employment."

He cited the fact that as of November, 1976, there were 554,000 veterans of the Vietnam war who are unemployed, 16.4 percent of whom are between the ages 20 to 24.

To underline this emphasis, the Legion will press Congress to enact

amendments to existing laws requiring the Department of Labor to order that eligible veterans receive preferential employment consideration according to the present Congressional mandates.

With regard to the Veterans Employment Service and related employment programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor, the Legion's goals are (1) to provide adequate appropriations for the service, including realistic travel funds and accountability for state funding in order to provide service to all veterans as required by law; (2) to provide adequate funding to enable the Department of Labor and state agencies to increase and intensify employment services to disabled and older veterans; (3) to authorize an Assistant Secretary of



Labor position for veterans employment and establishment of the Veterans Employment Service within the Department as a separate agency; (4) to reduce the number of veterans categories in the Public Employment Service System; (5) to restrict priority employment services in state employment offices to war-time veterans, using a cut-off date of May 7, 1975, for the Vietnam conflict, and (6) to redefine "disabled veterans" and a "veteran of the Vietnam era" for the purpose of affirmative action by deleting the 30 percent disability requirement and the requirement that the Vietnam era veteran be discharged or released from

military service within 48 months preceding application for employment.

With regard to federal employment, The American Legion is mandated to oppose all efforts to weaken veterans' preference in such employment, including the Postal Service.

Because of the Legion's concern for the high unemployment rate among the young veterans of the Vietnam era and the demographic changes in the population showing that many young Americans are returning to rural areas, a special effort will be made to seek legislation providing veterans' agricultural loans for the purchase of land and machinery at low interest rates.

Another relatively new area of concern for the Economics Division is the energy field. Even before President Carter announced plans for an Energy Secretary in the Cabinet, the Legion called on Congress to coordinate national energy programs to insure a strong domestic economy and defense system and advocated a Federal Office of Energy Science and Technology.

In line with these legislative objectives for 1977, Legionnaires from Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia participated recently in an area economic conference at Annapolis.

The two-day conference included workshops on employment, investments (which included discussion on starting a business) and the Legion's role in energy conservation. Vice Chairman Joe Holzka, Staten Island, NY, of the National Economic Commission presided.

Conferees complained that the "special consideration" for veterans phrase in Public Law 93-237 involving the Small Business Administration was rather meaningless since non-veterans go through the same procedures. The panel suggested that more teeth be put in the "special consideration" phrase of the law to make it meaningful for veterans applying for SBA loans.



Harvey LaRue (left), Ardmore, OK, Post 65 Commander, is shown with organizers of Jobs for Veterans Committee. From his left are Mac Frazier, chairman Carter County Commissioners, Mayor Ed Estes of Ardmore, and Harold Stephens, coordinator of Associated Industries of Oklahoma.

In addition, the second full week in March, 13 to 19, 1977 is designated as The American Legion's National Employ the Older Worker Week. All departments are encouraged to participate in this vital awards program designed to focus attention on elimination of age discrimination in employment.

On the local level, American Legion Post 65, Ardmore, OK, was spearhead in creating the Jobs for Veterans Committee in Ardmore, the first in a statewide campaign to help Oklahoma veterans obtain jobs.

Harvey LaRue, Commander of Post 65, was among those instrumental in the formation of this committee, which will employ a totally disabled veteran, Joe Ellis, as full-time staff coordinator.

The Legion post joined business, community, local government and veterans organization leaders in establishing the committee under the overall Jobs for Veterans Committee program of Oklahoma Governor Boren.

## Postal Changes Opposed

The American Legion has taken the position that the United States Postal Service realignment program underway is in direct violation of both the Veterans Preference Act of 1944 and the Veterans Readjustment Act of 1966, which guarantee rights to veterans.

Legion National Commander William J. Rogers, in a letter to Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar, asked that all personnel actions being taken under the realignment program be stopped and those already taken be rescinded. He pointed out that new Postal Service regulations do not provide for rights and procedures for veterans seeking direction when there is a violation of their job rights, calling this a "matter of grave importance" to the Legion.

## Rogers Hits Super Bowl National Anthem Deletion

American Legion National Commander William J. Rogers sent a telegram to Pete Roselle, commissioner of the National Football League, protesting the deletion of the National Anthem from Super Bowl ceremonies.

"Legion officials . . . were appalled by the substitution of 'America The Beautiful' for the National Anthem during the pre-game ceremonies," Rogers said. "The fact that this spectacle has the largest viewing audience of any comparable event compounds the error . . . we have had calls from all over the country, condemning (the omission) in the strongest terms . . . I would hope that your organization will take steps to insure against a recurrence."

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

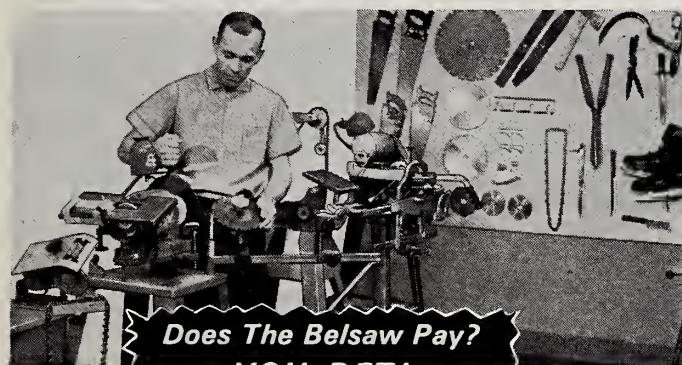
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3rd & 6th Army HQ Co (WW2)—(June) N. Watz, 920 Empire, El Campo, TX 77437  
5th Inf Regt—(July) Robert Weston, 26 Park St., Portland, ME 04101  
10th Mountain Div—(July) Earl Clark, 4105 E. Florida, Denver, CO 80222  
11th Eng (WW1)—(May) Gus Grossmann, 35 Oak Ave., Tenafly, NJ 07670  
17th FA (WW2)—(July) Carl Newman, Box 627, Palmetto, FL 33561  
23rd Eng (WW1)—(May) E. A. Randall, 1118 East Lime St., Tarpon Springs, FL 33589  
31st Chem Co—(July) James Sweitzer, 1106 Mary Drive, Oakland, MD 21550  
37th Combat Eng Bat—(July) Geo. Spears, 2716 Sandage Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76109  
87th Mtn Inf, 10th Mtn Div, Co L—(July) Emmet Dunlevy, 2547 Elvin Ave., CO Springs, CO 80909  
90th BnB Gp (H)—(July) Tom Keyworth, 38 Crestlyn Dr. E. York, PA 17402  
94th Inf Div—(July) Angelo G. Brucato, 255 N. Ninth St., Lewiston, NY 14092  
108th Inf HQ Co (WW2)—(July) Wayne Miller, 1170 W. Wayne St., Lima, OH 45805  
149th Div Mach Gun Bn, 42nd Div Co B (WW1)—(July) David Brown, 829 N. Hoffer St., Bethlehem, PA 18015  
202nd AAA (AW) Bn—(July) A.C. Weintraub, Jr., 111 S. 7th St., Mayfield, KY 42065  
229th FA, Bat C, 28th Inf Div—(May) James Griffith, 1917 Maize Dr., Wooster, OH 44691  
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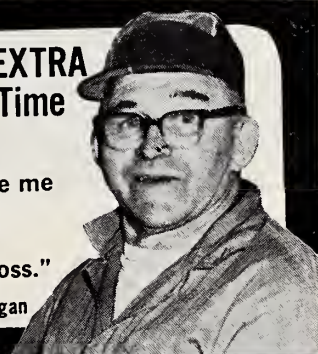
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# POSTS IN ACTION



Post 74, Fairfield, CT, recently conducted Bicentennial poster and essay contests for local 3rd through 8th grade students. Theme for the poster contest was "200 Years of American History," and the theme for the essay

contest was "America, What It Means To Me." Contest co-chairman Louis J. Vegi (left) presents awards to George and Charles Veth while Scott Dodson receives his \$25.00 bond from co-chairman Alfred Nighthausser.



Officers of the new Schenley Distillers Post 774, Cincinnati, at their first dinner meeting: (l to r), Jerry Marshall, Chaplain; Bob Hammond, past 4th District Commander; Bob Klipstine, Depart-

ment Commander; Jack Trout, Commander; Ed Pechar, Adjutant; Harry Hermann, Sergeant at Arms; Truman Weekley, Finance Officer; and Jim Haigwood, 1st Vice Commander



With an average age of 81, these seven members of the North Platte, NE, Post 163 Firing Squad still answer the call from 2-4 times a month for veterans burial services at nearby Fort McPherson

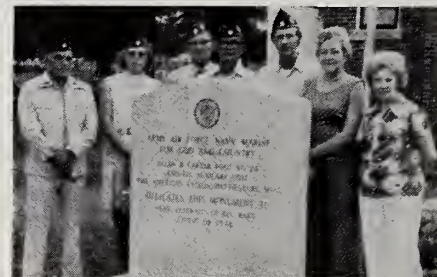
National Cemetery. (l to r) 1st row, Boyd A. Houser, Charles Bartch, and Louis J. Kuzels; back row, Adam Christ (senior member), John Baker, Charles Walter (junior member), Milo Dancer.



Bing Crosby receives "Entertainer of the Year" plaque from Post 1112, New York City, Past Commander Paul Wendel while New York Department Commander Casey Sojka looks on. The plaque, cites Bing's contribution to the military troops, selling \$15 million worth of U.S. bonds.



Congressional Medal of Honor winner Edward Dahlgren (left), Mars Hill, ME, is congratulated by Maine Department Adjutant Daniel E. Lambert at special ceremonies at the Togus VA Center near Augusta, ME. The program paid tribute to the nation's Medal of Honor winners. A tree planting and a marker commemorate the event.



Post 24, Hattiesburg, MS, recently dedicated memorial to veterans of all wars. Marble monument is displayed by Gene Welsh, Jeanette Hall, Floyd Steel, Commander George Daniel, Robert Hall, Auxiliary President Sybil Kleinke, and Mollie Daniel.

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339th Eng—(July) Joe Hofrichter, 404 Carew Tower, Cincinnati, OH 45202  
362nd Inf Reg Cannon Co, 91st Div—(July) Willis Diercks, 376 Cannonview Dr., Red Wing, MN 55066  
414 Eng, Dp Trk Co—(June) Elmer Zajicek, RT 2, Crete, NE 68333  
437th MVA Ord Co—(June) A.C. Tase, 32121 Bretton, Livonia, MI 48152  
622nd Ord BAM—(July) Scott Staton, RT 6, Box 16, Hendersonville, NC 28739  
640th QM Co (43-46)—(July) Charlie Mills, 405 W. Glenwood Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917  
650th Eng—(June) W.E. Green, Lucas, KS 67648  
701st Tank Bat—(April) Earl Babbitt, 27 Rockhill Ave., Trenton, NJ 08619  
705th Tank Dest Bn—(July) Frank Shapard, 3223 W. Pentagon Pky, Apt 204, Dallas, TX 75233  
740th Rwy Oper Bn—(July) Edward Craven, 3357 Faycrest Rd., Columbus, OH 43227  
741st Tank Bn—(July) Lyle Hendryx, 301 Harbor Dr., Rock Falls, IL 61071  
753rd Rwy Shop Bn—(June) Ray Tittle, RT #1, Huron, OH 44839  
777th AA Bn (WW2)—(July) Andy Aschittine, 1258 E. 5th St., St. Paul, MN 55106  
854th Eng Avn. Bn (WW2)—(July) James Bethell, 6805 Galax Ct, Springfield, VA 22151  
885th Ord HAM Co (41-45)—(July) Roy Faulkner, 5208 Anchorage Ave., El Paso, TX 79924  
1550 Ser Unit Med Sec (WW2)—(July) Ginny Henry, 226 Seminole Rd., Elizabethtown, KY 42701  
3433rd Ord HAM Co (WW2)—(July) Thomas Larkin, 1404 N. Highland St., Sherman, TX 75090

## NAVY

- 7th Marine Air Warn Sqd—(July) Don deChambeau Sr., 1721 S. 9th Ave., St. Cloud, MN 56301  
24th NCB—(April) Hersel Dumbauld, 815 Zahn St., Huntington, IN 46750  
87th NCB—(July) Richard Onisi, 191 Beechwood Ave., Anon Lake, OH 44012  
Navy 157 NOB Palmero, Sicily—(June) Anthony Sabia, 3100 Edgewood Ave., Parkville, MD 21234  
Panama Marine Reunion (41-45)—(July) Frederick Wilkinson, 421 Colfax Rd., Havertown, PA 19083  
PCE (R) 855 (To Dec. 45)—(July) Clifford Hevalow, 4000 Kutztown. Rd., Temple, PA 19560  
USN Fac. Eleu Thera T.W.I.—(July) Allen Gottschalk, RT #4, Box 85, Three Rivers, MI 49093  
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USS Concord (CL 10)—(July) Martin Schneider, 113 W. 9th St., Miller, SD 57362  
USS Harding (DD 625)—(May) Taylor Watson, Box 13A, McDaniel, MD 21647  
USS McGowan (DD 678) (WW2)—(July) Earl McCune, 52151 Hazel Rd., Granger, IN 46530  
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**Comeru Div 6 (Navy)**—Need information from any comrades who recall Philip J. Felegy having a condition of hypertension and high blood pressure while stationed on USS Atlanta, San Francisco, Wichita, Boston, Sarasota, 1942-1952. Please contact "The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006, CID #366."

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States or Departments.

**Larry Wich** (1976) Post 1, Phoenix, AZ  
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**Albert Davidson, Ross Gesler, Ted Porter** (all 1977) Post 262, Fontana, CA

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**Ronald Goodfield** (1973) **Carl Johnson, Benjamin Truskoski** (both 1975) Post 20, Terryville, CT

**Joseph Erazmus** (1976) Post 207, Chicago, IL

**Robert White** (1976) Post 97, Auburn, IN

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## Who? What? Where?

**Edward C. Binder**, Lincoln, NE, immediate past Department Commander, has recently been appointed Nebraska Adjutant General by Gov. J. James Exon. Binder serves on Veterans Preference Committee of National Economic Commission.

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**Fred T. Kuszmaul**, Director, Americanism and Children & Youth Division at National Headquarters suffered a heart attack on December 29, while vacationing in Florida. He is progressing satisfactorily.

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**L. J. Lewis**, Route 4, Box 21, Hephzibah, GA 30815, would like to hear from anyone serving on USS Plattsborg during WW I.

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**Carter Livingston**, Route 1, Box 65, Galena, KS 66739, would like to hear from other WW I members of the 5th Engineer Train, 7th Division.

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**Brian Lindner**, Indian Brook #H-4, Old Colchester Road, Essex Junction, Vermont 05452, is conducting research on Army Air Corps bomber which crashed in central Vermont during WW II and would like to hear from rescue team from Westover Field, MA.

## NEW POSTS

The American Legion has recently chartered the following new posts: Anjongni Memorial Post 50, Anjongni, Korea (Alaska); Camp Verde Post 93, Camp Verde, AZ; Arizona State Prison Post 94, Florence, AZ; Reddick Jasper Cartwright Post 92, Phoenix, AZ; Lopez-Hernandez Post 95, Solomon, AZ; Freedom Post 345, Irvine, CA; Midtowne Post 386, Los Angeles, CA; Fiesta City Post 233, Santa Barbara, CA; Broomfield Post 58, Broomfield, CO; Montbello Post 99, Denver, CO; Headquarters Post 211, Denver, CO; Westminster Post 196, Westminster, CO; Hudson Post 335, Hudson, FL; Melvin Bolton Post 280, Rayle, GA; George S. Owsley Post 295, Garrett, KY; Hoffman Estates Post 1959, Hoffman Estates, IL; Federal Post 197, New Orleans, LA; Retired Military Post 387, Leesville, LA; Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Post 136, Lansing, MI; Montgomery Legion Post 156, Montgomery, MI; Novi Post 19, Novi, MI; Ballew-Sexton Post 169, New Buffalo, MI; Roy Dantzler Post 94, Heidelberg, MS; Clark Stops Post 135, Crow Agency, MT; Dennis Dotson Post 21, Las Vegas, NV; Community Post 299, Johnsonville, NC; Seymour Post 141, Seymour, TN; Burleson Post 549, Burleson, TX; Harker Heights Post 573, Harker Heights, TX; Hico Memorial Post 432, Hico, TX; Breaker 23 CB Post 623, Dallas, TX; Andrew Henderson Post 647, Wharton, TX; Itasca Post 662, Itasca, TX; Uintah And Ouray Post 126, Fort Duchesne, UT.

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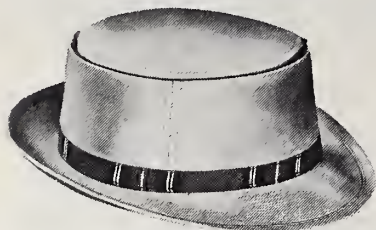
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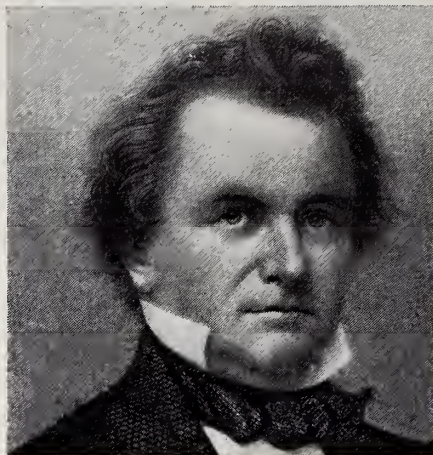
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Stephen Douglas

Shields resigned his commission in March 1863 and moved to California.

Three years later he returned to Carrollton, MO, where he tried farming. He was a failure at it, but he did manage to get himself appointed a U. S. Senator from Missouri, creating the record that still stands.

As he grew older his health began to fail. Shields had spent most of his life in the service of his adopted country and was never wealthy. In his later years, he depended for the major portion of his income on a tiny pension. He died a poor man while on a lecture tour in Ottumwa, IA.

What might Shields have done had he been less restless?

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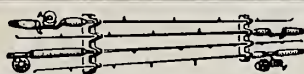
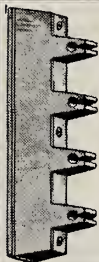
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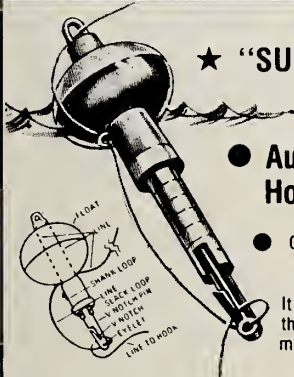
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**CAROL CHRISTOPHERSON**  
Minneapolis, MN

**SIR:** The FBI Crime Resistance program (December issue) is only part of the answer to crime. We should build more penal facilities, operate them as factories and pay convicts a small wage so they can reimburse their victims. **NORMAN K. WAGNER**  
Portland, OR

**SIR:** The state of Florida has been considering acquisition of the aircraft carrier *Intrepid* to augment the new Museum of Naval History at Pensacola. I hope Navy men will encourage the Florida legislature to follow the example of South Carolina which acquired the *USS Yorktown* for its Patriot's Point Museum (December). **GEORGE E. BOYLE**  
Philadelphia, PA

**SIR:** It appears Congress and the President have abandoned those in uniform. Those volunteering no longer receive VA education benefits; the low ranks benefit package was vetoed; cuts are proposed in reserve pay for federal employees, in commissary spending, etc. I am not in favor of outside unionization of the military (January) but someone must organize the military.

**JOHN F. ASSELTA, JR.**  
Waltham, MA

## Indiana University Plans European Battlefield Tour

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA, has announced a summer tour of battlefields, military museums and military cemeteries of Western Europe, May 28-June 18.

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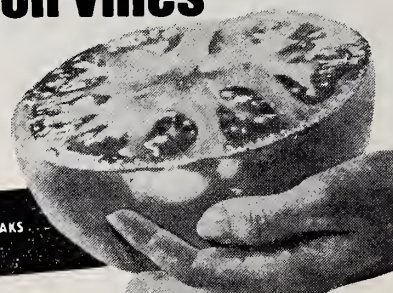
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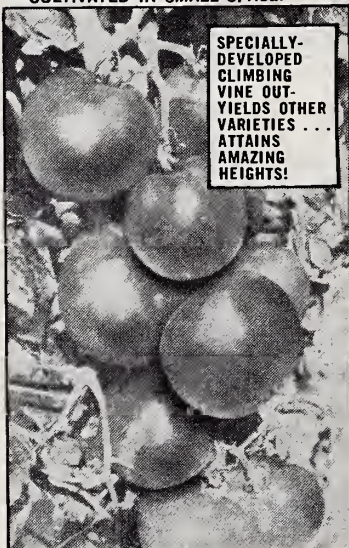
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There is, of course, romance. The pub proprietor's daughter, Doreen, is swiftly swept off her feet by a handsome all-American lad—in this case, Pfc. Burford Pucket. Meanwhile, the proprietor herself, Doreen's mother Phoebe, displays her ample charms for the delight of the more mature warriors.

Lancashire, where "Yanks Go Home" is set, still contains the Burtonwood air base, once one of the biggest U.S. bases in Britain, with thousands of G.I.'s.

Nowadays there are just 40, with 12 officers—and they must be chuckling at the advice given to their predecessors in the booklet which Pulaski quoted. Britain has changed a great deal since it was written—not always for the better. For example:

"It isn't a good idea to say 'bloody' in mixed company—it is one of their worst swearwords"—Nowadays, the word "bloody," even from female lips, scarcely raises an eyebrow.

"To say 'I look like a bum' is offensive to their ears, for to the British this means that you look like your own backside"—We now use the word in its American sense, too.

"NEVER criticize the King or Queen"—Criticizing royalty is perfectly OK, and they are pretty outspoken at times!

"English crowds at matches are more orderly and more polite to players than American crowds. The British are good sportsmen and recognize good sportsmanship when they see it"—Violence at soccer matches is now a major social problem. Injuries are frequent; deaths have occurred; bad behavior has even spread to cricket.

"The British care little about size... London has no skyscrapers"—There are skyscrapers in London and every other major city.

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### SOLAR HEAT GUIDELINES.

### NOVEL IDEAS IN UTILITY RATES.

### FACTS THAT AFFECT YOUR MONEY.

A dozen or so states—as well as Congress—are working on tax incentives to get you to install a solar energy system in your home (in fact, about 20 states already have such legislation). Meantime, new government estimates optimistically hint that sun power can pay for itself in 15 years—if mortgage rates are low and fuel costs rise 10 percent a year. As of now, however, here are some facts to consider.

1) **A solar heating installation is expensive.** A relatively simple setup for a swimming pool or hot water heater runs about \$2,000; a complete home job can cost up to \$20,000, plus a back-up system for emergencies. Also: your home must be properly insulated; and solar energy usually is impractical for air conditioning.

2) **Mechanically, a solar heating system is simple.** You really need only two major components: a) a set of "collectors," which look like big window panes, to gather sunlight, and b) a storage facility that can hold the collected heat either in a huge water tank or a bin of rocks. Often this setup can be connected successfully to your present pipe or duct system.

3) **Financing a solar energy setup may require some shopping around.** In a new house, it could be included in the mortgage, but in existing structures, check with your banker or dealer about terms available.

4) **Simple solar installations—for swimming pools and hot water—are possible on a do-it-yourself basis.** But in any event, **read up on the subject before you make any moves.** You may want to contact the government agency: National Solar Heating and Cooling Information Center, P.O. Box 1607, Rockville, MD 20850.

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Don't be surprised if your utility introduces a novel rate structure in your area, promising to save you money if you observe certain restraints. It's becoming a trend these days because 1) consumer groups are clamoring for lower rates, and 2) the utilities themselves are looking for incentives to discourage peak loads. Some experiments in the test stage in various areas are:

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**Interruptible rates:** You get a lower rate if you (or your utility) can shut off appliances for short periods when the utility's facilities are strained.

**"Lifeline" rates:** Provide below-cost service for an initial amount of juice (say the first 300 kwh per year). This one is designed mainly to benefit the poor.

**Home-improvement loans:** The idea is to coax you to install better insulation, thermostats and other energy-saving devices via easy-to-get funds.

Meantime, of course, don't overlook cost-saving measures of your own: good insulation; reduction of excess lighting, heating and cooling; efficient use of major appliances.

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Facts of the month:

**SECURITIES:** If you own utility bonds issued in 1970 or thereabouts at high interest rates (9 percent or better) check whether they're "callable"—that is, whether the utility can redeem them early. If so, it probably will, paying a small premium over face value, but leaving you with the problem of how to re-invest your money.

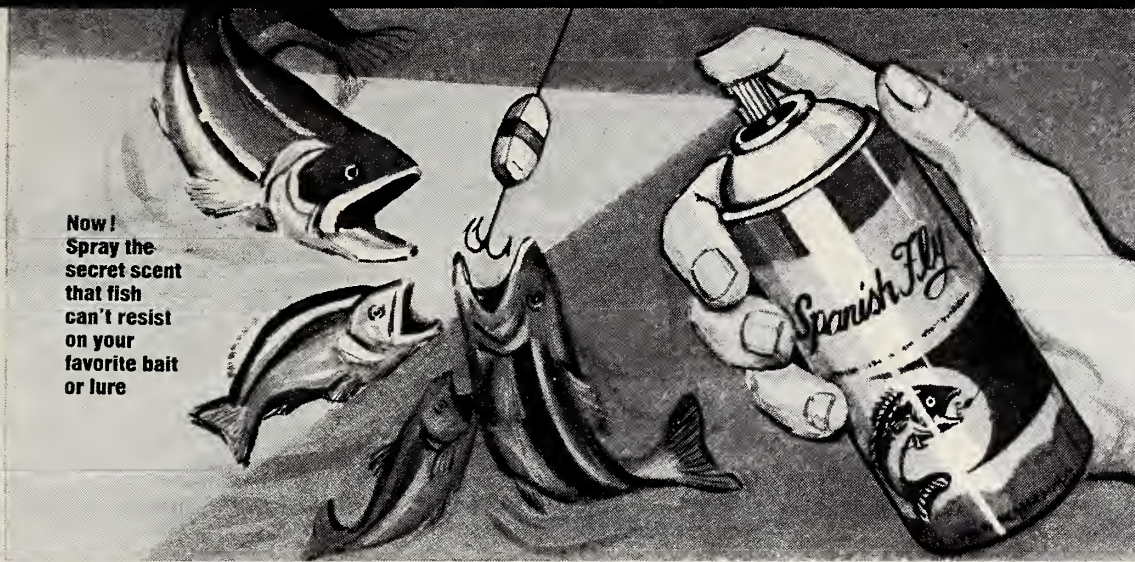
**EASY READING:** After pressure from consumers and state regulatory agencies, insurance companies are beginning to issue new auto, home and health policies in much shorter (4,500 words vs 9,000), more readable form. Experience has shown that many policy-holders don't know what their policies *exclude*—and blame it on obscure language.

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G. G. CRABTREE

## MODERN ELEGY

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A pedestrian plods his absent-minded way  
And leaves this world quite unexpectedly!

DON R. NAUGLE

## THAT'S AN ORDER

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LUCILLE J. GOODYEAR

## MEDICAL MEMO

Time has its way with eyes and ears  
And starts most muscles sagging . . .  
But tongues defy the march of years;  
They will never stop wagging!

MARIE D. BOEHRINGER

## TRUE WORTH

Parents: People who bear infants, bore teenagers and board newly-weds.

GEORGE E. BERGMAN

## CAN JOHNNY READ?

Abe Lincoln studied by firelight,  
And became a famous man.  
Now kids study by television,  
And drop out when they can.

BETH COOK

## FISHY FILLIPS

Why are so many put-downs  
Expressed in terms marine?  
For instance, a subway rider  
Is packed in like a sardine.

A false clue is a red herring.  
A small person is a shrimp.  
Anyone who complains is a crab,  
And you're tight as a clam if you scrimp.

If you're unsuccessful, you flounder,  
And if you disagree with this and are  
harping  
That this is an exaggeration,  
You are merely carping!

R. M. WALSH

## KNOCK! KNOCK!

Opportunity knocks only once  
Or so it appears.  
But notice how temptation  
Bangs on the door for years?

GERALDINE DAVIDSON

## TWO OF A KIND

Shaved, bathed, clad in my best attire,  
I discover my car has a flat tire;  
Hastily I change, clothes and spare,  
Only to find it, too, has no air.

JAMES J. ELLIOTT



"This business of going from third to fourth grade is nothing but a big promotional gimmick."

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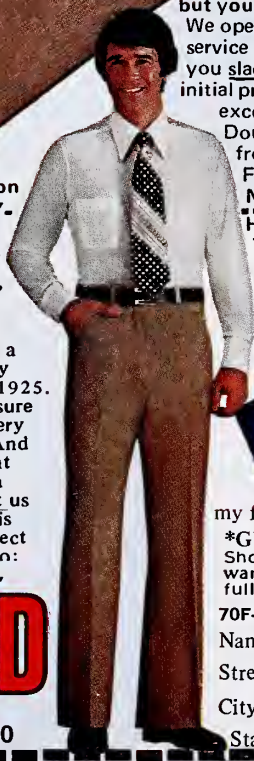
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